

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Fortieth Annual Convention
OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
of Nebraska
OF THE
United Lutheran Church in America

HELD, IN NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA
October 4-6, 1920.

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Home—MRS. W. L. BRIGHT, Nebraska City.

Young People's—MISS WILHELMINA RENSCH, 2422 Pierce St., Omaha.

Children's—MRS. H. O. WILSON, 5608 S. 38th St., Omaha.

Mission Study—MRS. C. F. KOCH, 311 W. 5th St., North Platte.

Thank Offering—MRS. C. B. HARMAN, Grand Island.

Magazine—MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK, Wilber.

Literature—MRS. W. F. RANGELER, West Point.

Anguilty—MRS. J. F. KRUEGER, Fremont.

Box Work—MRS. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach.

Student—MRS. E. E. STAUFFER, Fremont.

Deaconess—MRS. ALLAN KOCH, Omaha.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

North Platte Conference—MRS. G. E. HICKMAN, Tekamah; MRS. R. B. WELLER, 1906 Binney St., Omaha; MRS. D. W. CROUSE, Fremont.

South Platte Conference—MRS. R. M. BADGER, 1409 E St., Lincoln; MRS. E. F. BOLLMAN, Benedict; MRS. C. H. DEAN, 927 S. 14th St., Lincoln.

DELEGATES.

Mrs. Laura Troth, Allen	First
Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Tekamah	Emmanuel
Mrs. A. L. Krause, West Point	Grace
Mrs. W. N. Mines, Emerson	St. Luke's
Mrs. F. A. Kent, Emerson	St. Luke's
Mrs. C. H. Dean, Lincoln	Grace
Mrs. R. M. Badger, Lincoln	Grace
Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City	First
Miss Emma Musser, Rising City	First
Mrs. J. F. Krueger, Fremont	Salem
Mrs. J. C. Hershey, Stella	Trinity
Mrs. A. A. Marohn, Ponca	Salem
Mrs. H. S. Johnson, North Platte	First
Mrs. C. F. Koch, North Platte	First
Mrs. G. B. Weaver, Beatrice	Trinity
Mrs. R. A. White, Wolbach	Trinity
Mrs. W. I. Guss, Omaha	St. Mark's
Mrs. C. Puls, Omaha	St. Mark's
Mrs. Fred Larsen, Omaha	St. Mark's
Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, Omaha	Redeemer
Mrs. G. P. Horn, Omaha	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. James Liddell, Omaha	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. W. L. Bright, Nebraska City	English
Mrs. John Petring, Nebraska City	English
Rev. E. Bollman, Benedict	Zion
Rev. W. F. Rangeler, West Point	Grace

Young Ladies.

Gretchen Childs, Omaha	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. Harry McNamara, Omaha	Grace
Miss Elizabeth Confer, North Platte	First
Miss Hanson, North Platte	First

Junior.

Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Allen	First
Miss Margaret Baker, Rising City	First

VISITORS.

Rev. E. Bollman, Benedict.
 Rev. C. B. Harman, Grand Island.
 Rev. R. M. Badger, Lincoln.
 Rev. R. W. Livers, Hardy.
 Rev. R. A. White, Wolbach.
 Rev. G. W. Livers, Allen.
 Rev. W. I. Guss, Omaha.
 Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph. D., D. D., Fremont.
 Rev. C. R. Lowe, Dakota City.
 Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., Fremont.
 Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Paxton.
 M. G. Leamer, Dakota City.
 Henry Pederson, Hardy.
 Y. H. Harman, Grand Island.
 H. S. Johnson, North Platte.
 Mrs. H. S. Johnson, North Platte.
 Mrs. H. L. Greenawalt, Paxton.
 Mrs. F. C. Crook, Sr., Paxton.
 Ruth Marie Van Fleet, Omaha.
 Mrs. Fred Crook, Jr., Paxton.
 Mrs. Fred H. Thompson, North Platte.
 Fred H. Crook, Paxton.
 Dorothea Hoga, North Platte.
 Edna Wendeborn, North Platte.
 Hazel Lierk, North Platte.

Officers	6
Credential Delegates	20
Young Ladies	2
Junior	3
Grand Total of Delegates	30
Visitors	25
Grand Total of Delegates and Visitors	55
Department Secretaries	5

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the Women's Missionary Society of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of
the United Lutheran Church in America.

October 4-6, 1920, in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
North Platte, Nebraska, Rev. C. Franklin Koch, Pastor.

Convention Theme: *Forward.* Text: *Phil. 3:13-14.*

Monday evening at 7:45 the Liturgical service was conducted by Rev. C. Franklin Koch. Greetings were given by Mrs. H. S. Johnson of North Platte, and ably responded to by Mrs. Laura Troth of Allen. A splendid address was given by Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., of Fremont, who chose for his text, Psalms, 2:8 and Matt., 28:19. Offering \$5.25. After the close of the service an acquaintance hour was enjoyed by all present.

Tuesday morning, October 5th, 1920. The Devotional Service was conducted by Mrs. C. B. Harman. Theme, "Going to God in Prayer." The formal opening was conducted by Mrs. W. I. Guss, President. Followed by Roll Call and reception of credentials.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we adopt the printed program as official with the exception that the communion service be changed from Wednesday afternoon to Wednesday forenoon, to join in the Synodical communion.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

The President appointed the Special Committees,
(See Exhibit A).

The President's report was read and referred to the proper committee. Recommendation No. 12 adopted at once.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was read. (See Exhibit B).

At this time Mrs. Van Fleet presented a beautiful Record Book to the Society for the Statistical Secretary, in behalf of Mrs. Walter Springer, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Anna Eugenie Lowe, which was gratefully received.

Motion carried that the order of the day be set aside, and that visiting secretaries present and the Synodical Representative be heard at this time.

Motion carried that we make the pastors members of this convention.

Motion carried that we adjourn promptly at 11:30 and meet at 1:30.

Greetings were brought to the Convention by Rev. Walter, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, and Rev. J. F. Krueger, Treasurer of Tabitha Home. Synodical greetings were brought by Rev. C. H. Lewis.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.

Tuesday Afternoon.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. C. B. Harman. Theme, "Giving to God Our Thanks."

Meeting was called to order and the roll called. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Motion carried that the program be carried out as planned.

The following reports were read:

The Secretary read the report of the Executive Committee. (See Exhibit C).

The Young People's report by Miss Rensch, was read by Miss McNamara. (See Exhibit D).

The Mission Study report by Mrs. C. F. Koch. (See Exhibit E).

The Thank Offering was read by Mrs. C. B. Harman.

The Magazine report of Mrs. Shimonek was read by Mrs. Mines. (See Exhibit G).

The Junior Society report of Mrs. H. O. Wilson was read by Mrs. Van Fleet. (Exhibit H).

The Literature report of Mrs. Rangeler was read by Rev. Rangeler. (Exhibit I).

The Box Work report was given by Mrs. White.

A beautiful solo was given by Rev. Koch.

The report of Life and Memorial members by Mrs. T. V. Austin was read by Mrs. Hornburg. (Exhibit K).

The North Platte Conference was given by Mrs. Hickman, Chairman. (Exhibit L).

Little Ruth Marie Van Fleet was introduced and recognized as a life member of the Society.

The report of the Bi-ennial convention at Chicago was given by Mrs. Van Fleet. Motion carried that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Van Fleet for her splendid report.

Prayers were offered at this time for our work and our beloved Missionaries.

A paper on "Inner Missions" was read by Rev. G. W. Livers.

A paper on "Our New Mission Fields" by Mrs. C. H. Lewis was read by Mrs. C. F. Koch.

South Platte Conference was read by Mrs. R. M. Badger. (Exhibit M).

Motion carried that the President be instructed to convey the sympathies of the Convention to the absent ones: Mrs. Ludden, Mrs. Baltzly, Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. G. W. Livers.

Motion carried to approve all action of our officers

and executive committee of the past year which were made in accordance with the present (which is the old) constitution.

The "Demonstration" of "Young People's Work" by local organizations was enjoyed by the convention, also the "Mission Study Stimulant" in charge of Mrs. Koch.

Motion carried that we extend Mrs. Koch a vote of thanks for her efforts.

The Home Department report was read by Mrs. W. L. Bright. (Exhibit N).

Motion carried that we wire Mrs. Neiswanger, our Treasurer, for her report.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. White.

Wednesday Forenoon, October 6th.

Devotional Services were omitted and the ladies of the Convention participated in the Communion Services with the members of Synod.

The session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Troth.

Report of Committee on Conference Reports and Minutes of last meeting was read and adopted.

(Exhibit O).

The Report on President's report was given by the Chairman, Mrs. T. A. Kent, and adopted. (Exhibits P and Q).

The Report of Committee on Reports of Department Secretaries was read and adopted. (Exhibit R).

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read. (Exhibit S). Secretary cast the ballot.

The Report of the Committee on Claims was read and accepted. (Exhibit T).

Voices from Each Congregational Society, conducted by Mrs. J. F. Krueger, were listened to with great interest.

Motion carried that the subject be continued after lunch.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 6th.

The Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. C. B. Harman. Theme: "With God Through the Year."

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Van Fleet.

Motion carried that the report be adopted by singing the Doxology. (Exhibit U).

The Committee on Constitution reported and the Constitution was read.

Motion carried that the constitution be adopted article by article.

Motion carried that we designate the length of term of Board of Trustees in the Constitution.

Motion carried that the Constitution be adopted as a whole.

Motion carried that we instruct the Committee on By-Laws to include in the By-Laws provision for the expenses of our Synodical Officers and Chairman of the Literature Committee to the Annual Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted. (Exhibit V).

A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Tramp.

Motion carried that a committee of two be appointed to nominate a Board of Trustees. Mrs. Saylor and Mrs. Johnson were appointed.

The Report of the Committee on Box Work and Literature was read and adopted. (Exhibit W).

The Efficiency Chart was ably presented by Mrs. G. E. Hickman showing to all societies the strong and weak points.

Motion carried that the Secretary cast the ballot for the Board of Trustees as reported by the Nominating Committee. (See Directory).

Reception of the Box-Work Offering conducted by Mrs. R. A. White. (Exhibit X).

Solo by Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

The subject, "Voices from Each Congregational Society" was again resumed.

The Committee on By-Laws reported. Motion carried that they be adopted item by item.

Motion carried that the bill of \$65.72 as presented by the Committee on Claims be adopted, and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

An offering was taken, \$5.80.

"Consecration Thoughts for the Coming Year" was conducted by Mrs. G. B. Weaver.

Motion carried that as an appreciation of the splendid interest shown and assistance given, that this convention make Mrs. Walter Springer, of Carthage, Mo., a Life Member.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7 o'clock.

It was announced that Mrs. Anna Mueller of Fremont Salem Lutheran Church went as an honorary missionary to Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, having sailed in August.

Wednesday evening a continuation of the afternoon session was opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion carried that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be adopted as a whole.

Motion carried that we include the sale of literature at this convention.

Motion carried that the amount of lace sold be reported.

The President appointed the Standing Committees and Department Secretaries.. (See Directory).

Motion carried that this Convention give special notice to the splendid work of the Junior Missionary Society of Kountz Memorial, and call attention to the thank offering of \$47.13 for a stimulus to the other Junior Societies.

The Installation of the Officers was conducted by Mrs. R. M. Badger.

Sale of lace amounted to \$36.25.

Sale of literature at convention, \$52.56.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with the Missionary Benediction.

MRS. W. I. GUSS, President,

MRS. H. C. HECKT, Secretary.

EXHIBIT A.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

President's Address and Officers' Reports: Mrs. F. A. Kent, Rev. E. Bollman, Miss Emma Musser.

Literature and Box Work—Mrs. L. A. Hornberg, Mrs. W. L. Bright, Mrs. C. H. Puls.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Mrs. G. B. Weaver, Miss Musser.

Conference Committee and Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. J. F. Krueger, Mrs. H. McNamara, Mrs. A. A. Marohn.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Laura Troth, Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Miss Gretchen Childs.

Committee on Claims—Mrs. R. A. White, Mrs. Fred Larson, Mrs. A. L. Krause.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. James Liddell, Mrs. E. B. Payne.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Heckt, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Hershey.

Delegate to Convey Greetings to Nebraska Synod—Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

To Take Charge of Literature in Absence of Secretary of Literature—Mrs. H. S. Johnson.

Lost and Found Department—Mrs. Puls.

Committee on Constitution—Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Koch.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Mines.

Credentials—Miss Elizabeth Confer, Miss Baker.

Reporters—Lutheran, Mrs. Fred Larson; Woman's Work, Mrs. J. F. Krueger; Local, Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Paul Horne.

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

It is with gratitude to Almighty God that we are able to re-

port ten new Societies, comprising four Young People's and six Junior. Young People's are at Fremont Midland College, Omaha St. Mark's, West Point Grace, reorganized Beatrice C. E., revived.

Juniors are revived at South Auburn, Hooper, Lincoln, Oakland, Stella and Wayne.

Delegates kindly take notice:

We are finally coming into our own by training leaders for Women's Societies in years to come. Might our goal be for 1921 a Junior and Young People's Society in every congregation in Nebraska. A marked increase is shown in all departments but one, that of life membership and that may be owing to failure on the part of some one not reporting.

At the beginning of the year, your Secretary sent to all Societies, a circular letter, also two record blanks. These two blanks, at one time were for the purpose of saving postage. However, some Congregational Secretaries overlooked this, and when last report was long past due, sent to me to ask for another blank. Permit me to add I just received some reports October 1, which were due before July 31st. Letters were sent by me to General Officers notifying them of their co-workers in the Nebraska Synod, also minutes of last convention (39th) held in Omaha to Secretary of ex-board, President and Statistical Secretary.

Seventy-two letters were sent out last year.

Your Secretary thanks all who made this excellent report possible and pleads for better co-operation to my successor in the coming year. We have on exhibit the beautiful record book given by Mrs. Walter Springer in loving memory of her Sainted Mother, Mrs. J. A. Lowe, our President for so many years.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

EXHIBIT B1--REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Name of Society.	Organized.	President	Statistical Secretary	Time of Meeting, Day of Month.	Meetings Held.	Membership.							Value of Homes in Mission Study	No. of Meetings	
						Average Attendance	Total	Active	Honorary	Cradle Roll	Life	Home Dep.			Memorial	Lutheran Women's Work	Lutheran Boys and Girls
WOMAN'S SOCIETIES.															
1. Allen, First.	1913 12	Mrs. G. W. Laven	Mrs. E. H. Allen	Last Wed.	12	56	28	6	45	1	1	1	26	55	21
2. Auburn, St. Paul's.	1918 2	Mrs. M. E. Hollinger	Mrs. Fred Schaefer	Second Fri.	12	14	13	6	40		6	1	26	12	2
3. Benning, Trinity	1912 12	Mrs. E. F. Mumford	Mrs. H. W. Munson	Second Fri.	12	14	13	18		8			26	100	5.00
4. Benning, Trinity	1912 12	Mrs. L. A. Foster	Mrs. Edith Harbert	Second Fri.	12	14	13	18					26	100	5.00
5. Benning, First	1915 12	Mrs. H. A. Hanz	Mrs. Harry Johnson	Second Fri.	12	14	13	18					26	100	5.00
6. Dakota City, Emmanuel.	1891 2	Mrs. Geo. Nebeker	Mrs. W. H. Berger	Third Thurs.	11	11	14	12		4	1	1	18	1	10.00
7. Emerson, St. Luke's	1912 12	Mrs. N. L. Hansen	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	First Thurs.	9	20	40	40					20	60	
8. Falls City	1917 12	Mrs. Ruthmann	Mrs. G. F. Bertram	First Thurs.	2	20	21	20					13		
9. Fremont, Salem	1919 12	Mrs. D. W. Crouse	Mrs. Melaine Stenger	First Thurs.	3	20	21	20					13		
10. Hardy, St. Paul's	1913 1	Mrs. James Hale	Mrs. Ada Henderson	Third Wed.	12	14	20	20					10		
11. Hooper, Grace	1915 12	Mrs. K. J. Freese	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	Second Fri.	6	8	13	13					6		
12. Hudson, Zion	1899 12	Mrs. G. Prestegard	Mrs. T. V. Austin	First Wed.	12	17	20	14					17	60	
13. North Platte, First	1894 12	Mrs. C. F. Koch	Mrs. T. V. Austin	First Wed.	10	6	18	9		1	2	5	30	50	
14. Oakland, Grace	1916 12	Mrs. T. G. Larson	Miss Jessie Robertson	Last Fri.	10	6	18	9		1	2	5	30	50	
15. Omaha, Ch. of Our Redeemer	1917 12	Mrs. Leon Nebeker	Mrs. A. F. Dehn	Second Thurs.	9	6	6	6					5		
16. Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1906 12	Mrs. E. A. Hebecker	Mrs. L. A. Honnora	Second Thurs.	12	27	43	40		3			20	25	2.50
17. Omaha, St. Luke's	1912 12	Mrs. Leta Beckett	Mrs. F. R. St.	Second Fri.	11	33	155	70		2			37		10.00
18. Omaha, St. Mark's	1916 12	Mrs. R. B. Wellner	Miss Minnie Johnson	Second Fri.	11	33	155	70		2			37		10.00
19. Omaha, St. Mark's	1916 12	Mrs. R. B. Wellner	Miss Minnie Johnson	Third Wed.	12	12	19	14		3	1	1	15		
20. Ponca City, First	1890 12	Mrs. J. Kendall	Mrs. G. A. Young	Third Thurs.	10	20	48	34		4	1	6	32		44.50
21. Reading, Trinity	1904 12	Mrs. L. J. Sawyer	Mrs. P. C. Hilleman	Third Thurs.	12	28	51	42		3	1	3	16		
22. Stella, Trinity	1912 1	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Mrs. M. M. Hilligan	First Wed.	12	28	51	42		3	1	3	16		
23. Tekamah, Emmanuel	1880 12	Mrs. M. D. Wilbert	Miss Tillie Struven	Third Thurs.	9	10	12	12					6		2.00
24. Webster, St. Paul's	1916 12	Mrs. Chas. Spauld	Mrs. Harry Francke	First Thurs.	12	14	14	14			1	2	25	85.00	
25. West Point, Grace	1904 12	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. J. M. King	First Wed.	4	5	12	12					10		
26. Wilber, Zion	1912 12	Mrs. E. E. Shlomoak	Mrs. J. H. Houser	First Wed.	17	10	14	12		1			19		30.00
27. Wilber, Zion	1912 12	Mrs. E. E. Shlomoak	Mrs. J. H. Houser	Second Tues.	11	10	13	12					19		
28. Wilber, Zion	1912 12	Mrs. E. E. Shlomoak	Mrs. J. H. Houser	First Wed.	17	10	13	12					19		
29. Paxton, Mrs. Greenwald.	1916	Miss Anna Severus	Mrs. G. H. Holm	First Wed.	4	1	6	6		1	1		24	107.50	
30. Paxton, Mrs. Greenwald.	1916	Miss Anna Severus	Mrs. G. H. Holm	First Wed.	4	1	6	6		1	1		24	107.50	
Total in Women's Societies.					250	367	932	558	47	85	75	21	447	460	\$824.50

EXHIBIT B1--REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Continued)

Name of Society.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	President	Statistical Secretary	Time of Meeting, Day of Month	Meetings Held.	Average Attendance	Membership.					Ladies' Work	Value of Bibles and Girls	Classes in Mission Study	Week of Prayer			
								Total.	Active	Honorary	Cradle Roll	Life					Home Depts.	Memorial	
YOUNG PEOPLE'S.																			
1. Beatrice, C. E.	1919	1	Clara Kinsman	Miss Margaret Blum	Sun. Evening	46	11	18	15	3									
2. Beatrice, C. E.	1919	1	Miss Esther Bondeson	Miss Mary G. Ringler	Second Sat.	12	8	25	15	10									
3. Beatrice, C. E.	1918	1	Miss Louis Palm	Miss Hazel G. Ringler	Sun. Evening	12	40	45	45										
4. Beatrice, C. E.	1917	1	Miss Ida Dwyer	Miss Ida Dwyer	Tues. Evening	12	40	45	45										
5. Omaha, Grace	1915	12	Miss Vera Thomas	Miss Wilhelmina Mack	First Wed.	9	12	13	10	1									
6. Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1912	12	Miss Mildred Henkel	Miss Wilhelmina Mack	Fourth Tues.	10	10	47	13	32									
7. Omaha, Pax Volokum	1910	1	Miss Isabel Schubert	Miss Elizabeth Henderson	Last Tues.	12	22	42	36	6									
8. Omaha, St. Luke's	1909	12	Miss Emma Samsom	Miss Elizabeth Henderson	1st & 3d Mon.	12	18	27	24	3									
9. Omaha, St. Mark's	1908	12	Miss Emma Samsom	Miss Blanche Ekdahl	First Wed.	4	16	17	16	1									
10. West Point, Grace	1907	2	Miss Elsie Koch	Miss Blanche Ekdahl	Sun. Evening	6	10	25	25										
Totals in Young People's Societies						83	154	267	267	53		3		51	140	155.50	3	\$14	
JUNIORS.																			
1. Allen, First	1914	1	Miss Genevieve Lindahl	Miss Florence Hallin	Second Sun.	5	12	15	15										
2. Auburn, St. Paul's	1909	2	Miss Alin Allen Sogge	Miss Lena Wernke, N. B.	First Sun.	5	12	15	15										
3. Falls City	1916	1	Mrs. Anna Ruhlman	Mrs. Anna Ruhlman	First Sun.	3	23	28	28										
4. Hooper	1919	2	Mr. Frank Hilde	2423 Stone	Sunday Aft.	3	18	25	25										
5. Lincoln	1919	1	Miss Alice Hammett	Miss Fern Able	Last Sun.	21	16	20	16										
6. North Platte	1919	12	Miss Dorothy Volpega	Miss Mary Christine	Sunday Aft.	21	16	20	16										
7. Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1913	12	Miss Eva Engel	Miss Dorothy Hembacher	Second Sat.	15	12	31	28										
8. Omaha, Grace	1917	1	Miss Viola Mook	Miss Dorothy Hembacher	Last Sat.	12	22	75	42										
9. Omaha, St. Luke's	1917	1	Miss Violet Mook	Miss Dora Weiler	First Sun.	8	10	10	10										
10. Rising City	1912	12	Miss Lucene Dickerson	Miss Margaret Baker	First Sat.	12	20	20	20										
11. Wells	1918	1	Miss Vella E. Oakley	Miss Margaret Baker	First Sat.	12	17	13	10	3									
12. Wayne	1920	2	John Lerner	Helen Thompson	First Sun.	12	17	13	10	3									
13. Oakland	1920	2	Henrietta Miller	Naomi Larson	First Sun.	12	20	32	32										
Totals in Junior Society						168	204	200	200	7		22	4	75	23	330	900.00	4	\$1.22
Total						443	717	1408	1051	100	117	55	75	23	330	900.00	4	\$1.22	

EXHIBIT C.**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the year, the first one was called at the close of the convention of last year and the last one at the joint conference meeting at Tekamah May 6th. Reports from the Treasurer were given and other encouraging reports. Plans were made for convention at North Platte. The President was instructed to secure date of a returned Missionary to be with us at our fall convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECHT.

EXHIBIT D.**REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY.**

Your Young People's Secretary sincerely regrets not being able to give her report in person at this 1920 convention, but would assure you that she is present in spirit and her prayer is for the abundant success of the convention and the Master's richest blessing upon the work.

To the furthering of the Y. P. work I have communicated with the Auxiliary Societies in the state, and but one has reported the work accomplished. The work of the young people is altogether of great importance and at this particular time there are some things that need to be emphasized.

Organization First—I believe we endeavored to set as our goal for the year, "A Young Ladies' Missionary Society in every congregation and every available young lady a member of such an organization." Have we accomplished this, and shall we be satisfied until this has been realized? In every congregation there is ample material—we need to bring such material into active working connection with the Missionary Society. Where there is organization much can be accomplished. If praying and sincere devotion is urged, then the result will be fervent prayers—and with such prayers making intercessions for and asking God's blessings upon the work, we have the promise of rich rewards. If study of the regularly assigned missionary literature is urged, also the careful reading of our splendid "Lutheran Woman's Work," then the result will be a broader knowledge of real world needs, a clearer vision of the work it is ours to do—and with a heart and soul working to extend God's Kingdom on earth, we can plan our life's work to accomplish this. If friendly love toward our fellow workers—co-laborers in the Church is prayed for, the result will be more unselfish love and

charity toward the millions at our very doors who need our help, our words of comfort and cheer, and the Gospel of Christ. If we are brought to realize the great needs in foreign fields and in our own beloved land, then will we know that money is needed to carry on the great work of missions, and the result will be treasuries filled with generous gifts from God—prospered purses.

During the coming year, let us as Christian women, pray fervently and work diligently to carry out the program of service which is ours to render—a personal service in God's Kingdom.

With earnest prayers for the success of the work of the Young People, I am

Sincerely your co-worker in His service,

WILHELMINA RENSCH.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE MISSION STUDY SECRETARY.

During the past year your Secretary has sent out two circular letters to every society, and ten personal letters. A total of 25 classes has resulted from these letters and the demonstration at the convention last year. Of course, we have fallen far short of our goal. "Thirty-nine Mission Study Classes in Christian Americanization," still our report shows a number of gains over last year, for which we are grateful. Two Societies conducting classes last year discontinued this year, while eleven new classes were organized, making a net gain of nine. Of the 23 classes conducted, 18 were study classes, 5 reading circles, and 2 lecture courses. A total of 1,268 members were enrolled in all the classes. The list of classes follows:

Kountze Memorial (3), Lincoln, Benson, Benedict (Zion), Benedict (Bethel), Omaha (St. Mark's), Omaha (Redeemer), Rising City, Fremont (2), Allen, Wilber, Hooper (2), North Platte (2), Emerson (2), Tekamah, Auburn (2), Stella, Beatrice.

I am sure you all appreciate a good neighbor, and lament the fact that in these busy times neighboring seems to have gone out of fashion. I am sure you also will agree with me that neighboring or visiting is one of the crying needs of the Church today. Our Mission Study books for this winter deal directly with this subject, one supplementing the other. "The Church and Community" is to be the text-book for the Women's Societies, while "Serving the Neighborhood" gives concrete examples of how to be neighborly. Such practical books are worthy of study by every society in this Synod. We will make our motto

this year "A Mission Study Class in Every Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. F. KOCH,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT G.

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

To the Ladies of the Convention, Faithful Workers in Christ:

As Magazine Secretary I am forced to come before you with an imperfect report as I failed to have all Societies respond to the call I made for reports. Twenty-five Societies reporting 573 members and 414 subscriptions to woman's work. I feel confident had all responded we would show an increase over last year's subscription list of 476 subscribers. In the course of the year I sent out 70 letters and 42 cards.

In connection with this report I wish to mention some facts or points that our circulating manager, Mrs. Krechting, wishes to have emphasized at the convention:

First—That the subscription price has been raised to 75 cents, and no more free copies given, this being necessary on account of the high price of paper and labor.

Second—That all subscriptions be sent to our Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., addressed to Lutheran Woman's Work. This change of address made on account of crowded conditions at Publication House.

Third—That all checks or money orders be made payable to Lutheran Woman's Work. Do not include money for anything else in your checks to Lutheran's Woman's Work.

Fourth—Urge every Congregational Magazine Secretary to keep a copy of her list with the dates of expirations. This will aid her in getting her renewals in on time.

Fifth—That subscriptions with money be sent in as soon as received and not held back in order to send in a large list at one time. It is much easier for the people in the office to have them coming in all through the year than a big rush of orders at one time.

Sixth—That if possible subscriptions be renewed the month before expiration, this will save work, time and expense at the office.

With the present high cost of everything it is very necessary that we be as practical and economical as possible. Also that we

make every possible effort to increase our circulation if we are to keep up the present high standard of our Magazine and keep it out of debt.

Our goal is 50,000 for the coming biennium. If we are to make it we must have 10,000 more readers this year. We feel this can be realized if every woman will realize that a part of the responsibility is hers.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK.

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF JUNIOR SECRETARY.

We consider the work of this department rather encouraging this year as we now have 14 Junior Societies, an increase of six over last year.

This should bring our membership well up to the 250 mark, although 21 have been promoted to the Young People's Society. The number of subscriptions to L. B. & G. is now 895, against 252 a year ago.

The contributions reported amount to \$89.50, but this is only a partial report. The objects to which the contributions have been sent are the General Fund, Christmas and Thank Offering, Tabitha Home, Motorcycle for Mission Field in India, Day Memorial Church, Africa, Armenia, Japan and European sufferers.

The new Societies are located at Lincoln, Wayne, So. Auburn, Grace of Omaha, Hooper, Stella and Oakland.

I am sorry to say, the band at York was reported dropped on account of the lack of a leader. Leadership is still our greatest problem and we should do all we can to overcome this obstacle for the future by training the children while they are young. The Mission Band is the place to do this.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. O. WILSON.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF LITERARY SECRETARY.

Your Literary Secretary would report the following items for the coming year:

1. Settle up last year's business and send cash, \$48.85, to headquarters and also return the Literature left over from last year's convention.

2. Send letters to all Societies in March, 1920, pertaining to "Oackets" and other matters.

3. Had a supply of literature for sale and distribution at the Tekamah Conference, where \$14.31 worth was sold and much free literature distributed.

4. Have a supply of literature from headquarters for distribution at this convention.

5. Would suggest the careful reading of Literature Headquarters Column in the Woman's Magazine each issue.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. RANGELR,

Literary Secretary.

EXHIBIT K.

REPORT OF LIFE AND MEMORIAL MEMBERS.

As the "new" Secretary of this department, I am sorry to say that this department cannot send out a very flattering report to the convention this year. To me it seems the main fault is lack of interest for out of seventeen letters which I sent out to the different Missionary Societies only three responded, namely, St. Mark's of Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer of Omaha, and the Society of Benedict, Neb.

Have the following names to report from the Missionary Society of St. Mark's Church, Omaha: Leonard H. Groh, D. D., made a life member by the Missionary Society of St. Mark's Church April 12, 1917, and was transferred to a memorial member January 8, 1920; Mr. Chas. H. Puls, made a life member by the Missionary Society of St. Mark's, September 15, 1920. Mr. Puls has been Superintendent of St. Mark's Sunday School for twenty years.

I have been informed that the Missionary Society at Benson has two life members to report, also, Lincoln has several life members, but the names did not reach me in time to report them at convention.

Your Secretary would recommend that every Society would take more interest in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. V. AUSTIN,

Life and Memorial Secretary.

EXHIBIT L.

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Upon advice from the State President on the Uniting of the

Missionary Conferences in their spring meeting, the North Platte Conference Committee, although unable to meet in person, through communications arranged for such a meeting to be held Thursday, May 6, 1920, at Tekamah, Neb. The program used is attached to this report.

Communications were had with every pastorate in the conference, early in the Synodical year in regard to the activity of the existing society or the possibility of organization.

Special consultation was held with some of the workers from several congregations in regard to a missionary organization but conditions proved unsatisfactory for opening work there just now.

The North Platte Conference Committee is especially glad to welcome the new societies at Fremont, Salem and East Hall, Midland College, Fremont, into our midst. We feel that these societies are a splendid acquisition and hope that the help gained through our relations with each other will be mutual.

At present practically all the pastorates of the North Platte Conference have women's organizations, a few have young people's and a few mission bands and at this time we pray God that the time may speedily come when each pastorate may support at least a woman's organization.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT L1.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

The second Biennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, met in Unity Church, Chicago, Ill., September 14th at three o'clock.

After singing "Come Holy Spirit," the confessional and communion services were conducted by Dr. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church. Dr. Wolff, of the Foreign Mission Board, gave a brief and impressive meditation based upon the 11th chapter of First Corinthians, in which he dwelt upon the two great meanings of the communion service, its memorial character and its far deeper significance—the great mystery of the incarnation. In the strength of this, he urged the members of the convention to go forth to lead the victorious life of service.

The Holy Communion was administered to a large congregation, composed almost entirely of women. In attendance at the

convention were forty-three officers, Secretaries and Board members, and one hundred and forty-four delegates, together with a large number of visitors, missionaries, deaconesses and representatives of the Church Boards.

The theme of the President's address "Behold what great things Jehovah hath done for us" forcibly brought before us the great advantage the women of America enjoy as compared to our less fortunate sis'ers in other lands and our responsibility to them.

With sufficient funds, sufficient forces and adequate equipment, we can more easily reach the goal, not only in our own denominational work, but in the reconstruction of the world.

Greetings from various Synodical Societies, given by women from different sections of our territory and working under such varying conditions, showed a remarkable unity of spirit in their devotion to the cause, and the loyalty to our organization.

The commissioning service on Tuesday evening was one never to be forgotten by all present when Mrs. Traver introduced eleven missionary candidates, all of whom will soon be ready for active field work. The three great impelling forces named—the need of the world, the willingness to serve, and the constraining love of Christ—showed the spirit in which these young recruits are going forth. They go not as martyrs to be pitied, but as strong young men and women well equipped, ready and eager for the task.

Their names and destinations are as follows:

Miss Lillith Schwab, teacher	India
Miss Alice J. Nickel	India
Miss Barbara De Reames, nurse	India
Dr. Elizabeth Reese	India
Miss Mette K. Blair, nurse	India
Miss Selma Anderson	India
Miss Marie C. Martins	Africa
Sister Ruth Robeson	Africa
Miss Elsie Otto	Africa
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Knudtsen	Japan

All except the last named will be supported by the Women's Society. Mrs. Traver then introduced sixteen former missionaries and those now on furlough:

Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht.	Miss Mabel Dysinger.
Miss J. H. Wunderlich.	Rev. and Mrs. Woerner.
Mrs. E. C. Harris.	Mrs. A. V. Pohlman.
Miss Florence Welty.	Mrs. W. M. Kennerly.
Miss Mary Borthwick.	Miss Lulu Goodman.
Miss Louisa Miller.	Dr. Eleanor B. Wolff.
Sister Jennie Larmonth.	Miss Sophia Probst.

As these sixteen missionaries stood together on the altar steps, the congregation stood and sang the Doxology.

Dr. Wolff conducted the impressive commissioning service for these new missionaries who sailed September 18th for Africa: Misses Martin and Otto and Sister Ruth Robeson. Dr. Knubel's "Godspeed" to the women and to the outgoing missionaries formed a fitting close to a memorable occasion. He referred to the Women's Missionary Society as the most helpful auxiliary in the Church and congratulated the women on the harmonious adjustment of their difficulties in the past and on the tangible results of their two years' work as shown in the funds raised and in the young lives dedicated to active service.

The best results of women's work, however, he said, are shown in the intangible results of their patient, untiring education of workers at home. In his message to the outgoing missionaries he bade them remember that they must do their work often amid hardships, unfavorable conditions, and antagonistic influences; on the other hand, he bade them remember always that they were serving Christ, not only when nursing and healing sick bodies and inspiring and uplifting darkened souls in heathen lands, but they are serving us, the Church at home, by the light which they throw into our lives, for the lessons their lives teach us of the catholicity of Christianity, and the value of the consecrated will to serve.

"God bless you as you go," he concluded, "and remember that as day by day you go about your often humdrum tasks, that you are serving not only those around you, but you are serving your Church at home."

All devotional services were conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, who took for her general theme, "Our every day attitude: to Christ, to those who know not Christ, toward our associates, our rivals, our enemies, and our possessions."

Statistical Secretary's report showed forty-one Synodical Societies with a total membership of 79,134, of whom 71,839 were active. She reported over 1,000 in unknown list, showing plainly that all Statistical Secretaries must be very careful in filling out their reports.

Treasurer reported receiving.....	\$251,597.21
Disbursements	214,718.96

Balance on hand July 31st, 1920.....	\$ 36,878.25
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Report of Executive Secretary, given by Mrs. Beegle, as follows:

POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The policy of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church is:

To exert all possible effort, by the grace and power of God, to fulfill the commission of our risen Lord, "Teach All Nations."

To stimulate and promote interest in the work of Missions throughout the Church, by disseminating missionary information, by promoting missionary education and by aiding financially the missionary activities of the Church, through its regularly established boards.

To strive diligently to co-ordinate its work with that of the Church and, likewise, to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Societies, composing the Women's Missionary Society.

The scope of its activity is the continuance of the combined work, in this country and in foreign mission fields, formerly conducted by the three Missionary Societies, composing the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church; also the enlargement of such operations and the extension of missionary activities along such other lines as are approved by the Church.

Its further aim is to maintain and extend organization, until in every congregation of the United Lutheran Church there shall be a Women's Missionary Society.

Every opportunity is afforded the Committee of Women's Work to become acquainted with the details of the Society's activities; also to stimulate interest and to inform the Church at large of its aim and activities.

BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1920-1922—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

For one year—Home Missions, etc.—	
Appropriations, support of Home Missions.....	\$30,000.00
Appropriations, Church Extension	15,000.00
Immigrants Missions; Education Slav Students.....	2,400.00
Inner-Missions, Settlement House, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1,500.00
Jewish Missions, Woman Assistant, Philadelphia, Pa....	900.00
Board of Education, Secretary Women-Students.....	2,000.00
West Indies, Homes for Children, Virgin Islands.....	1,500.00
Total	\$53,300.00

Foreign Missions—Africa, Salaries, Budget, etc.—			
Salaries Missionaries, eight women			\$ 5,100.00
Salary, Bulder			900.00
Budget			2,700.00
Travel Appropriations			3,000.00
Building Operations			7,500.00
Total			\$19,200.00
India, Guntur, Rajahmundry—			
Salaries	\$14,000.00	\$10,000.00—	\$ 24,000.00
Budgets	33,040.00	20,000.00—	53,040.00
Building	15,000.00	15,000.00—	30,000.00
Travel Appropriations	4,000.00	3,000.00—	7,000.00
Inter Mission Institutions, India, Madras and Vellore			2,500.00
Loss in Exchange			15,000.00
Total			\$131,540.00
Japan, Salaries, Budget, etc.—			
Salaries, Missionaries, four women			\$ 9,500.00
Budget			1,800.00
Travel Appropriations			1,500.00
Building Operations			35,000.00
Total			\$47,800.00
Summary—			
Home Missions, etc.			\$ 53,300.00
Africa			19,200.00
India			131,540.00
Japan			47,800.00
For one year			\$251,840.00
For biennium			503,680.00
Total Expenses Administration, for biennium			50,000.00
Grand Total, for biennium			\$553,680.00

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Executive Board be authorized to plan the regular work of the biennium in accordance with the budget estimate of its report.
2. That the General Specials for the biennium be a Building Fund; for Church Extension in America; for a Girls' Boarding

School in Japan; for District Boarding Schools, in the India Mission; for the completion of the building for the Girls' Boarding School and the Hospital, in the African Mission.

3. That earnest and constant endeavor be put forth to extend organization, also to increase the membership of existing congregational societies. That the watchword in organization be: A WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN EVERY CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

4. That the officers of Synodical and Conference Societies maintain a careful oversight of the activities of the congregational societies of their respective districts, thus to promote loyalty and co-operation in fulfilling their obligations to the General Society.

5. That the Society's periodicals, "Lutheran Woman's Work" and "Lutheran Boys and Girls," be read attentively, thus to become informed as to the society's activity, and that like attention be given the Church periodicals, in order to become informed in reference to the activities of the United Lutheran Church; also that more extensive and diligent use be made of the publications of the Literature Committee.

6. That increased effort be made to establish Departmental Work, by those appointed to assist the Department Secretaries in presenting the interests of their respective departments.

7. The general observance of the week beginning with the first Monday in Lent, as a Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Missions.

8. That Article XII, By-Laws, Constitution of the General Society, be amended to read: The Biennial Convention shall consist of the Officers, Executive Board and its Secretary, Literature Committee and its Secretary, Department Secretaries, Chairmen and Standing Committees, Editor of Official Organ, Editor of Children's Paper, and one Delegate for every 400 members and major fraction thereof, in each Synodical Society. Each Synodical Society shall be entitled to, at least, two Delegates.

9. The exercise of greater diligence in the fulfillment of our privileges and obligations, as individual members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

A striking feature of the program was the number of able addresses delivered by the women of the convention. Among these were "Woman's Part in Inner-Mission Work," by Miss Zoe I. Hirt; "Changing the Background," by Mrs. C. E. Hay; "Woman Power," by Miss Mary E. Markley; "Liberia's Out-

look," by Sister Jennie Larmonth; "Woman's Work in India," by Miss Mary Borthwick; "Two Calls," by Mrs. H. C. Bell; "Our Indian Christian Women," by Miss Louisa Miller; "The Leaders, The Learners," by Mrs. Chas. L. Fry; "The Lamps That Give Light," by Mrs. E. C. Cronk; "Missionary Education for Children," by Mrs. Maud Junkin Baldwin. Other speakers were Rev. Edward T. Horn, of Japan, and Rev. J. F. Selbert, of Chicago.

Another spectacular feature of the program was the pageant, "The Striking of America's Hour." This brought home forcibly to everyone present that America's Hour was about to strike, and that if she failed in giving justice and liberty to the child laborer, the immigrant, the Indian, and in her duty to foreign lands, she, too, like Egypt, Babylon, Greece, and Rome, would be found wanting.

The following was adopted:

In consideration of the establishment of our Treasury on a better business basis, be it resolved:

That the Women's Missionary Society, establish a reserve fund of \$1,000.00.

NETTIE C. WEIER,

Treasurer.

Action was taken that the office of Historian be considered that of a Department Secretary, to be appointed by the Executive Board.

Officers elected for the coming biennium are:

President	Mrs. J. G. Traver
Vice President	Mrs. Sidney Kipner
Recording Secretary	Mrs. W. F. Morehead
Statistical Secretary	Mrs. F. E. Jensen
Treasurer	Mrs. Walter C. Weier

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS:

1. The representatives of the Augustana and Danish Lutheran Synods are requesting full voting membership on the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, and
2. A large part of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions is provided by the Women's Missionary Society, every member of which is a member of the United Lutheran Church, and
3. President Knobel of the U. L. C. declares the W. M. S. the most important and the most helpful auxiliary of the Church, and
4. The campaign of education carried on continually by the W. M. S. among children, and young people, as well as among

the women of the Church, insures a membership in the Society thoroughly conversant with the great needs and activities of the Church, and

5. The members of the W. M. S. have demonstrated their thorough consecration to the great missionary interest of the Church, and

6. Intelligence and consecration are most desirable qualifications for membership on all Boards of the Church, and

7. The United States Constitution has been so amended as to extend suffrage to the womanhood of the nation. Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**; That the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church most respectfully request that steps be taken at once looking toward such amendment of the Constitution of the U. L. C. and the constitutions of the Boards of the Church as is necessary in order to grant full voting membership to the representatives of the W. M. S., who now, as advisory members, attend the meetings of the various Boards of the Church.

Proposed changes to Constitution and By-Laws read and adopted as follows:

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY, UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ARTICLE VI.

"A Vice President" instead of "two Vice Presidents."

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of "twenty members" instead of "nineteen members."

Section 2. "Five General Officers" instead of "four."

Section 3. (Additional). The Executive Board shall have a representative at each meeting of the Literature Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

Section 5. "Shall have" instead of "may have."

ARTICLE XII.

Strike out entire article.

Article XIII becomes Article XII.

Article XIV becomes Article XIII.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Section 2. Omit "in order." Change "Vice Presidents" to Vice President."

Section 3. Omit "continuously."

Section 4. "And report same semi-annually to the Executive Board" instead of "annually."

ARTICLE II.

Change title to read "Life Membership and In Memoriam."

ARTICLE III.

Insert "active" between "per" and "member."

ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Board shall appoint two women to serve as advisory members on each of the Mission Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America. One of these shall be a member of the Executive Board and the other the Secretary of the Corresponding Department. The advisory member who is a member of the Executive Board shall present a report at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 2. The expenses to the Biennial Convention of the Officers, Executive Board and its Secretary, Chairman, Secretary of Literature and one delegate from the Literature Committee; the Editor of the Official Organ, the Editor of the Children's Paper; and the Secretaries of the Departments shall be paid from the General Fund.

MRS. C. A. VAN FLEET,
Delegate.

EXHIBIT M.

REPORT OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

The South Platte Conference was nicely represented this spring in a joint conference held during May in Tekamah. Other than the correspondence in preparation for this meeting, a number of letters were written to Churches where no organizations are, but no reports of encouragement were received.

There have, however, been revived in the South Platte Conference several of the former Societies for which fact our hearty congratulations are extended to earnest workers who have fostered these Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. BADGER,
MRS. C. H. DEAN,
MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

REPORT ON PAPERS AND LETTERS.

In view of the fact we have only one paper to act on, that of

Mrs. C. H. Lewis, on "Our New Mission Fields," we have reviewed these and find a very complete record there, and we realize the great need of workers and means for these, especially the Japanese field, and we recommend earnest prayer from all our Home Missionary Societies that the Lord of the Harvest send forth laborers into his harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA I. TROTH,
MISS GRETCHEN CHILDS,
MRS. H. S. JOHNSON.

EXHIBIT N.

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

Four of our twenty-nine Women's Societies report Home Departments: Kountze Memorial, Omaha, 44 members; St. Mark's, Omaha, 6; Lincoln, 4; North Platte, 6—a total membership of sixty-three of whom became active during the year. Fifty-five subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work are reported and the offerings amount to \$12.80.

The greatest obstacle in the way of Home Department Work is the lack of just one WOMAN in every active Society, who will make herself responsible for the work. We would urge the "One Woman Campaign" in every Society as a means of extending our work the coming year. SOMEBODY must PLANT before we can hope for a harvest of ANY KIND. SOMEBODY must carry the booklets to the reader. Your State Secretary cannot visit the homes in your congregation. We are learning, more and more, that the chief business of the Church is to carry the GOSPEL to every creature. Yet how few women, comparatively speaking, are enrolled as WORKERS. Your homes need this department to bring them into closer touch with the Church; your Church needs it because it furnishes work for some members of the congregation who have not found it elsewhere; your Missionary Society needs it and is recruited from it and, greatest of all, is the blessing it brings—the winnings of souls—for Christ by the personal touch of home visitation. In the average congregation there are fully as many women who cannot or do not attend regular missionary meetings as there are those who do.

A successful Home Department does not require a large number of readers or a great amount of money, but its success depends upon the faithfulness and regularity of the distribution of the literature each quarter. From these home readers will, in all probability, come some interested, active members for our Societies. IT CAN BE DONE if we have genuine love for the

work and go about it in a TACTFUL, SYSTEMATIC way, without which nothing definite has ever been accomplished. IT WOULD BE DONE if we could but realize its importance and its far reaching result, trusting not in our own strength, but in HIS, ever remembering the fact that we can "do all things through Christ which strengthens us." Yes, it CAN be accomplished. WILL we accomplish it?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. LUTHER BRIGHT.

EXHIBIT O.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Conference Reports and Minutes of last meeting would report:

First. That we have examined the reports of both Conference Committees and find that the appointed committees have faithfully discharged their duties. We note that, while conditions prove unsatisfactory for opening work in some pastorates, a few Societies have been received and a number of Young People's Societies and Mission Bands have been organized.

Realizing the importance of such Societies for the future of our work we suggest that the members of the women's moral support to the new Societies and pray that our goal, "A Missionary Society in every congregation" may soon be reached.

Second. That we have carefully gone over the minutes of last year's convention and find:

A. An error was made in the printing of the Directory. The name of Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger should be substituted for the name of Mrs. Matie Martin McAllister.

B. The Constitution as adopted at last year's convention was omitted.

C. The report of Committee on Letters and Papers appears twice.

D. Our fraternal delegate to carry the greetings of the Society to the Synod was appointed and not elected.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. KRUEGER,

MRS. A. A. MAROHN,

MRS. HARRY McNAMARA.

EXHIBIT P.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In the providence of God we are again permitted to assemble in this another annual convention of the Woman's Missionary So-

ciety of the Nebraska Synod. Another year with its opportunities and privileges has gone into history. Whether we have been faithful to the work entrusted to us, He, with whom we shall have to do on the judgment day, will be our judge. We come together today with grateful hearts because our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call us as co-laborers into his service, because we believe God's blessing has been upon the work we have been doing, also because much loving and faithful service has been rendered to our Lord and King.

We meet in this session that we may review the work of the past year, and from its mistakes and successes learn wisdom to devise better and larger things for the coming year. We assemble also that we may learn more about the great and important work that is being done and that is planned to be done in the future by the women of our great Church.

Our convention motto is "Forward" and the text is Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul describes here in this text the eager straining forward of a runner. The eager runner thinks not of the things he has passed and leaves behind him. His eyes are on the goal.

So the thought comes to us, that while we rejoice in the work accomplished, we must not be content with the successes of the past, but we must press forward toward the goal which our Master has given us, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." Both the Home and Foreign Mission fields are ripe unto the harvest. God is calling unto the Lutheran Church as never before, "Go ye." True there are some seeming difficulties and obstacles in the way, yet God is telling us just as clearly, as he told Moses when the Israelites were faced by seeming insurmountable obstacles, "Speak unto the people that they go forward."

When our Master has set a goal and has said, "Go ye," then it ought to be ours to go. Accordingly, in this convention and during the coming year let us ever keep in mind our motto, "Forward."

After the close of the last convention your President appointed the usual committees. These are printed in the minutes of 1919.

I had the usual stationery printed and sent out to the of-

ficers and committees. I wrote 44 post cards and 278 letters. I mailed the Minutes of the Twenty-First Convention of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the General Synod to the various auxiliaries, as these came too late for distribution at the last convention.

Upon the request of the World Service Campaign Committee for European Relief I sent out letters to every Society of the Synod urging that the women of our Churches co-operate in this most worthy campaign. I also sent programs of this convention to every pastor, every auxiliary, all officers and the Department Secretaries.

Miss Florence Welty, the missionary, sent to our convention last year, later visited a number of our auxiliaries. She was a most interesting speaker, and was much enjoyed by those who were so fortunate as to hear her.

Mrs. J. H. Matthiesen, Deaconess Secretary, moved from the bounds of our Synod and Mrs. Allan Koch, of Omaha, was appointed to take her place.

Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, who was last year elected as the official delegate, notified me that she could not go to the Women's Convention of the United Lutheran Church, which met at Chicago September 14-17. With the approval of the Executive Committee I appointed Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet to be the official representative of our Synod. She will report at this convention.

Two Executive Committee meetings were held during the year, and one joint conference meeting. Reports of these will be made at this convention.

Many societies, we are glad to report, are endeavoring to reach the "Standard of Efficiency" goal.

The slogan of last year was "A Missionary Society in Every Church in the Nebraska Synod." This has not been reached, but we are glad to report that ten new societies were organized during the year.

It will be a matter of interest to all to know that the thank offering for last year exceeded that of any previous year by over \$400.

Miss Meta Blair, a member of the Kountze Memorial Church, who is going as a missionary, as announced last year, will soon sail for India.

Miss Selma Anderson, a member of St. Mark's, Omaha, will be commissioned at the coming U. L. C. Convention at Washington, D. C., and will take up mission work in India as soon as her passport can be secured. Miss Anderson is a graduate of Nebraska State University and was an instructor at the Omaha

University for two years. She is now a student at the White Bible School at New York. She is a young woman of unusual ability and is eminently qualified for her chosen work.

Rev. H. Wiemken, Sanger, Fresno County, Cal., was assigned to our Synodical Society by the General Secretary of Home Box Work and at this meeting a special cash donation from the various societies will be received for this worthy pastor and family.

I want to express my appreciation to those who have in any way assisted in bringing about the results of the past year.

We wish to make the following recommendations for your considerations:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That, in accordance with the request of the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, we close our Synodical year hereafter July 31st.

2. That the President be authorized to appoint an Immigrant Secretary, in accordance with the request of the General Executive Board.

3. That every society pay the Travel Fund apportionment of 5 cents per year for every member on or before April 1st. This is essential as the expense of our delegates to the biennial convention of the U. L. C. will be paid in proportion as we support this fund.

4. That every society see to it that the Synodical fee of 10 cents per year for each active member is paid on or before January 1st. All local Synodical bills are paid from this fund.

5. That every society hold a special thank offering service some time in November of each year, and if possible make it a public meeting.

6. That each society shall have presented for discussion at some meeting during the year "The Scriptural Method of Giving the Tithe."

7. That every woman pray daily for missions, and that the twilight hour be observed as the time if possible.

8. That we endeavor to have a Missionary Society in every Church in the Synod, and that it be our aim to have every woman in our Churches either an active or a Home Department member of a Missionary Society, also that we strive to place the "Woman's Work" in the homes of all our members.

9. That owing to the importance of the work that we try to organize the young people and children of our Churches so that they may be instructed along missionary lines.

10. That all Department Secretaries shall send a report of work done to the President, for her information on January 1st and July 1st.

11. That the President of each auxiliary shall see that all reports are correctly filled out and promptly sent to the Synodical officers.

12. That the motion to adopt the Synodical Constitution (see page 84 of last year's minutes) be rescinded, and that the proposed constitution shall be referred to a committee to make such amendments as may be deemed wise and that the constitution be presented again at this meeting for the second reading and final adoption, also that action on this recommendation be taken immediately after the reading of this report.

13. That as soon as this year's minutes appear in print, that the President of each auxiliary shall read at the first regular meeting thereafter all recommendations and resolutions passed at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. I. GUSS,

President.

EXHIBIT Q.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on President's address have examined the reports presented.

It is the pleasure of the committee to commend the President for the splendid report she has made on the year's work and for the efforts she has put forth in every department.

Our committee recognizes the importance of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, being made a working part of each Congregational Society and recommend that these be read to every society as a part of each delegate's report.

That each society discuss the question of tithing, at some meeting during the year.

That each member pray for missions and observe the twilight hour.

That a Missionary Society be organized in every Church in the Synod the coming year.

We commend Kountze Memorial Church for sending Miss Meta Blair as a missionary to India, also St. Mark's of Omaha for sending Miss Selma Anderson to India, who will enter upon her work in the near future.

We recommend that in the future, the Treasurer and Sta-

tistical Secretary in their annual report, only read the totals in the open convention and post the reports where they can be examined by all.

We commend the faithfulness of the officers of the Missionary Society in their work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. A. KENT,
MRS. E. BOLLMAN,
MISS MUSSER.

EXHIBIT R.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

All the reports that we have received show that our Secretaries have been at work. Their zeal and faithfulness are worthy of high commendation. We have reviewed the following: Home, Young People's Junior, Magazine, Literature, Thank Offering and Life and Memoriam, and Mission Study. A few items deserve attention:

1st. Home—Four societies have Home Departments with a total membership of 63, 55 of which are taking our magazine. This department needs one woman in each auxiliary to push the work.

2nd. Young People's—Not much reported in this department.

3rd. Junior—Fourteen Junior Societies, an increase of six. A little less than 250 in membership. There are 895 copies of Lutheran Boys and Girls taken, which we are glad to note.

4th. Magazine—Twenty-five societies report 573 members and 414 copies of Woman's Work.

Not all reported so there are likely more magazines than this number given.

5th. Literature—The Secretary of this department has kept literature on hand and has had it at Synod and Conference, selling quite a good deal. Literature kept before the people and read counts.

6th. Thank Offering—There has been an increase of \$466.86 in the thank offering. Interest is growing.

7th. Life and Memoriam—Four or five new life members reported. Very few responses to the letters sent out by the Secretary.

8th. We recommend that extra effort be put forth to or-

ganize Mission Bands, Young People's Societies, and Mission Study Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. J. SAYLOR,
MRS. G. B. WEAVER,
EMMA MUSSER.

EXHIBIT S.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee beg to submit the following:

President, Mrs. W. I. Guss	Omaha
Vice President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly	Omaha
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Hornburg	Omaha
Statistical Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	Omaha
Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Neiswanger	Dakota City
Historian, Mrs. H. C. Hecht	Allen

MRS. HECHT,
MRS. HERSHEY,
MRS. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT T.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The Committee on Claims reported the following:

Mrs. W. I. Guss	\$ 6.77
Dr. Dysinger	7.90
Mrs. C. B. Harman	1.07
Mrs. C. F. Koch	3.76
Mrs. G. E. Hickman	1.50
Mrs. Rangeler	6.67
Mrs. H. C. Hecht	19.10
Mrs. Van Fleet	2.70
Mrs. Neiswanger	5.50
Barton Prin'ing Co.	9.75
Mrs. Badger	2.00
Total	\$65.72

EXHIBIT U.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dear Members of the Missionary Convention and Nebraska Societies:

I am glad I can send you a gratifying report. Most of your contributions have been excellent.

The total receipts were \$345.62 greater than the previous year. The thank offering exceeded that of last year by \$295.53. The Christmas offering exceeded itself by \$69.25. The general fund by \$50.35. The Synodical fee by \$10.05.

I wish to call your attention to a few facts.

First. Remember all active members of the Women's Societies must pay dues of \$1.20 a year. Out of the 29 Women's Societies only nine either met or exceeded their amount due. They were: Allen, Auburn, Emerson, Omaha (St. Mark's), Rising City, Ponca, and Stella. The amount due this fund from the other 20 societies is \$123.05. The paying of the 10 cents a month is a constitutional requirement as well as the tenth point of the Standard.

Second. I must again ask you to be very careful to give correct data when sending in life memberships and "In Memoriams." Send in money, names and other data as soon as received.

Third. It is to be regretted that I was not able to send our General Treasurer our full quota (\$50.90) of Travel Fund. Only \$30.00 was received to be sent in on time.

I wish to thank the Congregational Treasurers for their promptness in sending in reports the past year. And for the benefit of the new Treasurer, I would ask that you try to report all moneys of the one quarter on the one report blank, sending it in between the 1st and 20th of January, April, July and October. It will save you postage and the Treasurer receipt blanks and clerical work.

MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER,
Treasurer.

REMEMBER YOUR THANK
OFFERING BOX DAILY

EXHIBIT U1 (Continued) ---RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1920

SOCIETIES.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Travel Fund.	Christmas Offering.	New Memorial.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Life Membership.	In Memoriams	(Girls' School) In Africa.	Day Church In Africa.	(Girls' School) In India.	Native Workers or Bible Women In India.	Jubilee Advance Fund.	Home Mission Box Work.	Louisa Miller.	Hops In Kindergarten In Japan.	Self Denial.	For Girls' Woman's Work To Missions.	Christian Literature for Foreign Folk.	Total.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S																					
Essexville.....	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 8.20	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	29.00	29.00								67.20
Fremont.....	14.00		15.00	.50	10.00							25.00									54.50
North Platte.....	9.00																				9.00
Oakland, Cal., Fair's.....																					14.00
Oakland, Cal., Oct. 6-8, 1915.....																					14.00
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31, 1915.....																					14.00
Redwood.....	4.00		10.20																		14.20
Omaha, Grace.....	25.05	1.40	22.80	.60	5.00			10.00				30.00				15.00		14.00			100.45
Omaha, Kountze Mem., F. V. C.....	25.05	1.40	22.80	.60	5.00			10.00				30.00				15.00		14.00			100.45
Omaha, Kountze Mem., F. V. C.....	25.05	1.40	22.80	.60	5.00			10.00				30.00				15.00		14.00			100.45
Omaha, St. Mark's.....	25.05	1.40	22.80	.60	5.00			10.00				30.00				15.00		14.00			100.45
Rising City.....	18.00	1.60	42.08	1.80	8.00						10.00								1.00		81.48
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JUNIORS																					
Allen.....	.00		7.00																		.00
Auburn.....	.00																				.00
Barnes.....	.00																				.00
Cass.....	.00																				.00
Falls City.....	.10																				.10
Hooper.....	4.00																				4.00
Lincoln.....	1.15																				1.15
Lincoln.....	1.15																				1.15
Omaha, Kountze Mem.....	24.32		8.60		7.00			10.00			11.25										53.27
Omaha, St. Luke's.....	24.32		8.60		7.00			10.00			11.25										53.27
Rising City.....	1.60	1.60	47.15					10.00			3.00									14.00	66.75
Rising City.....	1.60	1.60	47.15					10.00			3.00										66.75
Wellrich.....	2.51		6.00																		8.51
Wellrich.....	2.51		6.00																		8.51
Convention offering at Grace, Omaha, Oct. 6-8, 1915.....	22.34		1.22																		23.56
Interest.....							.38														.38
Total.....	\$737.31	\$137.80	\$958.01	\$5.25	\$109.25	\$44.04	\$38.81	\$100.00	\$143.00	\$24.41	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

EXHIBIT UI (Continued) --DISBURSEMENTS AND RECAPITULATION YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1920

DISBURSEMENTS.			RECAPITULATION.				
	From Synodical Free Fund.	From Funds and to (Others) to Which Given.	Total.	Books on Hand Oct. 1, 1919	Loans in Year.	Totals.	Disbursements.
Oct. 14, 1919: Florence M. Waddy.....	\$ 15.00	\$		\$ 130.55	\$ 737.31	\$ 992.04	\$ 135.04
Oct. 18, 1919: Shimook.....	1.05			1.55	35.15	37.37	39.60
Mrs. E. Miller.....	1.00			8.23	858.01	966.34	956.00
Cony & McKinnis, Printers.....	25.50			109.23	113.36	113.36	113.00
Mrs. J. A. Matzblomen.....	1.52			2.53	109.08	150.60	119.00
Mrs. R. A. White.....	1.52			25.00	145.00	170.00	145.00
Mrs. E. A. VanPelt.....	1.52			48.00	90.00	99.00	90.00
Mrs. D. C. Herd.....	15.86			37.85	30.00	67.85	67.00
Mrs. O. D. Bahrly.....	12.63			15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00
Oct. 27, 1919: General Treasurer Mrs. Walter C. Wader.....	451.60			9.29	28	9.58	
Jan. 27, 1920: General Treasurer.....	1343.45			7.00	14.00	21.00	21.00
April 26, 1920: General Treasurer.....	370.00			49.48	137.89	188.37	185.84
May 16, 1920: General Treasurer.....				25.45	25.45	50.90	50.90
Mrs. W. L. Guss.....	6.23			15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00
Mrs. H. C. C. Neiswanger.....	3.75			14.00	14.00	28.00	28.00
July 15, 1920: Stock, Box Work.....	84.40			430.21	5.40	435.61	435.61
July 26, 1920: General Treasurer.....	501.00			427.53	\$2079.49	\$2706.02	\$2706.02
Total.....	\$105.90	\$2656.05	\$2762.03				

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Respectfully submitted,
 ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER, Synodical Treasurer.

Dakota City, Neb., Oct. 2, 1920.—To the Women's Missionary Society: We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth S. H. Neiswanger, and find the figures as set forth in this report to be correct.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1919.....\$ 437.53
 Receipts from Oct. 1, 1919 to Oct. 1, 1920.....2679.49
 Total Disbursements from Oct. 1, 1919.....\$3107.02
 Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1920.....\$ 2762.03

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER,
 TREASURER.

EXHIBIT V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his protecting care over us and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the past year.

Be It Resolved:

That we express sincere thanks for the success of this convention:

First. To our President, Mrs. W. I. Guss, and other officers who have given such diligence in promoting the work.

Second. To Dr. Holmes Dysinger for his splendid address.

Third. To the pastor, Rev. C. F. Koch, his wife and congregation for their hospitality and efforts to make our stay in their midst pleasant.

Fourth. To Rev. Koch and choir of North Platte Church for the splendid music.

Fifth. To Mrs. C. F. Koch and her Mission Band for their entertaining and instructive dialogues.

Sixth. To Mrs. Walter Springer for the gift of the beautiful record book and stationery.

Seventh. To the Synod for North Platte Conference programs.

Eighth. To the Brotherhood of Nebraska Synod for the delightful banquet and entertainment of the evening.

Ninth. To our delegate to the Second Biennial Convention Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, for her very comprehensive report.

Tenth. To the daily press for the recognition given us in their columns.

Eleventh. To Rev. Geo. W. Livers for his practical and helpful paper on Inner Missions.

And Be It Further Resolved: That we express our gratitude to God for the evidence of prosperity and success of our work during the past year and pray God's choicest blessing on the work of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN,

MRS. JAMES LIDDELL.

EXHIBIT W.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK AND
LITERATURE.

We, the committee to examine the reports on the Box Work

and Literature, submit the following report. We find the following correct and commend the committee for the work they have accomplished:

We especially recommend that each delegate purchase all literature to be used in their local society the coming year, and especially to remember there is a lot of literature available free, and the Secretary has said she does not want to take any of this literature home.

We find in this Synod, Tabitha Home has been helped to the amount of \$519.40, in cash, clothing and eatables, for which each local society should be highly commended for their splendid donations.

Knowing that "as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. HORNBURG.

MRS. W. L. BRIGHT,

MRS. C. H. PULS.

EXHIBIT X.

Cash contributions at the time of convention.....	\$133.20
Contributions during the year for Tabitha.....	416.90
Contributions for other objects.....	13.50
Total	\$643.60

MRS. R. A. WHITE,

Box Work Secretary.

CONSTITUTION,
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
and BY-LAWS

of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical
Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, Synod of the United
Lutheran Church in America.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this organization shall be to interest the women, young people and children of the Churches connected with this Synod in Missions, to organize them into societies, and to sustain in every way the objects supported and sanctioned by the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the United Lutheran Church. Loyal support to the regular apportionments of the Church by every member of a Congregational Society shall be a recognized policy of the Society.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All persons who are members of the Congregational Missionary Societies shall be members of this Synodical Society.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. This Society shall meet annually.

Sec. 2. Delegates to the Synodical Convention shall consist of the Officers of the Synodical Society, its Department Secretaries, Chairmen of Standing Committees, two delegates from each Congregational Woman's Society, one from each Young People's and one from each Junior Missionary Society.

Sec. 3. A majority of the delegates enrolled at a Synodical Convention shall constitute a QUORUM.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice

President, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the beginning of the second day of the regular convention. No officers excepting the Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 3. Officers shall be installed at the closing session of the convention.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and supervise the work of the Society.

Sec. 2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and shall co-operate with her in furthering the work of the Society.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall publish notice of the Synodical Convention and of the Executive Committee meetings and shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of both. Under the direction of the President, she shall prepare the minutes of the conventions for publication.

Sec. 4. The Statistical Secretary shall collect all statistics of the Synodical Society and report the same semi-annually to the Statistical Secretary of the General Society and annually to the Synodical Society at its regular convention.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive the funds forwarded by the Congregational Societies, crediting the same to the respective societies and remitting quarterly to the Treasurer of the General Society all funds designated for the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. She shall also have charge of and keep an account of the funds raised for the incidental expenses of the Society and pay out the same only upon a written order signed by the President and the Secretary. She shall present a written report of such funds to the Synodical Convention.

Sec. 6. The officers of the Synodical Society shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to manage the affairs of the Society between conventions. The Executive Committee shall meet only once a year unless the work demands its meeting oftener.

ARTICLE VII.—CONFERENCES.

The Synodical Society shall be divided into the North Platte

and the South Platte Conferences (the dividing line being the South Platte River).

Synodical Conference Committees shall be appointed to assist in the organization of new societies in their territories, and to plan conference meetings to be held once a year.

ARTICLE VIII.—SYNODICAL RELATIONS.

Recognizing itself as a loyal and integral part of the Synod, the Society shall render an annual report of its proceedings to Synod, and when deemed advisable, shall confer through its Executive Committee with the Executive Committee of Synod.

ARTICLE IX.—TRUSTEES.

A board of five Trustees shall be elected to serve, one for a term of one year, two for two years and two for three years, whose duties shall be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Society, which follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

We, the undersigned, Josephine M. Badger, Margaret Mostert, Margaret M. Ludden, Laura B. Snyder, Olivia M. Kuehn and Matie Martin, do hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a religious society and corporation under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, and do hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.—The name of this corporation is and shall be the "WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

ARTICLE II.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.—The principal place of business shall be and is in the City of Lincoln, Neb.

ARTICLE III.

PURPOSE AND OBJECT.—The purpose and object of this corporation shall be to receive, own, purchase, hold, convey and mortgage property, both real and personal, for religious, charitable and educational purposes only. It may also receive by demise, bequests or otherwise; to transact all its secular business and manage all temporary affairs of this corporation, and to advance any other object within the scope of what its name indicates; and to transact any other business incidental to the advancement of the purposes of this corporation. This corporation

being formed solely for religious, charitable and educational purposes, and not for profit, no stock shall be issued by the corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

INDEBTEDNESS.—The indebtedness of this corporation shall at no time exceed two-thirds of the value of its property, real or personal.

ARTICLE V.

POWERS.—The powers of this corporation shall be vested in a board of six Trustees, and until the first annual meeting, the parties herein named as incorporators shall also act as Trustees for the corporation. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation, a majority vote being necessary to elect. They shall have all the powers to convey, hold or incumber the property of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of this corporation shall be composed of all persons who are now members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska (a voluntary association), and of all persons hereafter duly elected. All members residing within the bounds of the State of Nebraska, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges in said corporation, the same as any original member forming this corporation at this time.

ARTICLE VII.

VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the Board of Trustees and offices shall be filled by the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the board called for that purpose, by the President of the board, who shall also be President of the corporation, and the election of any member to such vacancy shall be by the affirmative vote of the remaining members of the board. In case a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

OFFICERS: The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of this corporation, which annual meeting shall be held at some place in Nebraska annually as the Board of Trustees determine. These officers elected shall have the usual powers, pertaining to their offices and be governed by the By-Laws of this corporation, and shall always be under the control of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX.

SEAL.—This corporation shall adopt a seal and such corporate seal shall be affixed to all such official documents as require the same.

ARTICLE X.

LIFE.—The life of this corporation shall be for a term of fifty (50) years from the adoption of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.—These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular annual meeting or any special meeting of this corporation, a majority vote of those present being necessary to carry any such amendment proposed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this eleventh day of October, 1911.

Signed,

JOSEPHINE M. BADGER,
MARGARET M. LUDDEN,
MARGARET A. MOSTERT,
LAURA B. SNYDER,
OLIVIA M. KUEHN,
MATIE MARTIN.

In the presence of H. Fischer.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, } ss.

On this eleventh day of October, 1911, before me, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, came Josephine M. Badger, Margaret Mostert, Margaret M. Ludden, Laura B. Snyder, Olivia M. Kuehn and Matie Martin, the identical parties whose names are subscribed to the above and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Signed,

(SEAL)

HARRY FISCHER,
Notary Public.

ARTICLE X.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.—Department Secretaries shall be appointed to co-operate with the General Secretaries of

Departments for the organization and development of the work.

ARTICLE XI.

TRAVEL FUND.—Each Congregational Woman's and Young People's Societies shall pay five (5) cents per active member annually to defray the expenses of the Synodical Delegates to the General Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

SYNODICAL FEE.—To defray the expenses of the Synodical Society, each Congregational Society (Women's and Young People's), shall pay ten (10) cents per active member annually into the Synodical Treasury.

ARTICLE XIII

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.—Delegates to General Convention shall consist of one delegate for every four hundred (400) members and major fraction thereof in each Synodical Society. Each Synodical Society, shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

ARTICLE XIV.

BY-LAWS.—The Synodical Society shall adopt such By-Laws as may be necessary, provided they are not in conflict with this constitution and the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided notice of proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting of the Society, or published in the official organ and the Church papers two months before the time of the Synodical Convention.

BY-LAWS.

I.

This Society shall meet annually on or near the first Tuesday in October, at such a place as may be designated from year to year.

II.

(a) The railroad expenses of all officers and delegates attending the Synodical Conventions whose Congregational Societies have paid in full an additional Travel Fund of five (5)

cents per active member (woman's and young people's) shall be pooled.

(b) A committee on pooling these expenses shall be appointed during the meeting of convention. The Pooling Committee shall be a committee on equalization of all railroad expenses of officers and delegates to the conventions.

III.

All traveling expenses of officers of the Society shall be paid from the Synodical fee.

IV.

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin August first and close July thirty-first.

V.

Alternate Delegates to General Convention shall be elected at the same time as the election of the regular delegates.

VI.

The Statistical Secretary shall be the custodian of all documents and reports of this Society.

VII.

All convention reports, excepting those of the Statistical Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be submitted in duplicate and shall be written on paper, 8½x11 inches in size with 1½-inch margin on the left side of the sheet.

VIII.

The Synodical Treasurer shall be bonded to the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and a salary of Five (\$5.00) Dollars annually shall be paid her in accordance with the requirements of the bond.

IX.

There shall be a Committee on Protocol, who shall examine the Protocol and report to the Society. This committee shall be appointed by the chair.

X.

Life members of the General Society who are members of Congregational Societies shall have the privilege of voting at their Synodical Convention.

XI.

The Order of Exercises which may be varied with music, exercises, papers and addresses, as may be deemed advisable, shall be as follows:

Reception of Credentials.

Roll Call, Minutes.

Formal Opening of the Convention.

Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Department Secretaries.

Announcements.

Election of Officers.

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR FOR 1921-1922.

President—REV. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., Ph. D., LL. D., 26 and Farnum, Omaha, Nebr.
Secretary—REV. C. R. LOWE, B. D., Dakota City, Nebr.
Treasurer—JOS. H. MILLER, M. D. Surprise, Nebr.
Statistician—REV. G. B. WEAVER, 214 N. 9th, Beatrice, Nebr.
Historian and Necrologist—REV. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach, Nebr.
Synodical Missionary—REV. WM. T. KAHSE, York, Nebr.

Executive Committee

REV. OLIVER D. BALTZLY, D. D., Ph. D., LL. D., 26 and Farnum, Omaha, Nebr.
REV. C. R. LOWE, B. D., Dakota City, Nebr.
REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., 1924.
REV. C. FRANKLIN KOCH, 1923.
REV. C. G. AUE, D. D., 1922.

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Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

REV. C. F. KOCH
MR. M. G. LEAMER
MR. J. E. SEBASTAIN
REV. C. R. LOWE
MR. A. E. HECKER
PROF. W. E. TILBERG
MR. O. A. KEYSER

Committee on Church Schools and Young People's Societies.

REV. CLARK S. POWELL, York, Sec. Church Schools.
REV. GEO. DORN, Omaha, Young People.
MR. FRED BIEL
MR. F. J. BRAZDA
REV. RALPH E. RANGELER

Mission Committee.

REV. W. I. GUSS
MR. R. B. WELLER
REV. A. K. WALBORN
REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.
MR. GEO. RASMUSSEN

Ministerial Education.

REV. G. B. WEAVER
REV. K. de FREESE
JOS. H. MILLER, M. D.
REV. J. H. FETTEROLF
REV. H. E. SCHMIDT

Examining Committee

REV. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., 1923
REV. R. M. BADGER, 1923
REV. E. BOLLMAN, 1924
REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., 1923.
REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D., 1922.
REV. W. T. KAHSE, 1924.

Protocol Committee

REV. E. C. MORTENSEN
REV. F. J. WEERTZ

Committee on State of Church

REV. R. R. WEISMILLER
REV. WM. HOFFMAN
REV. O. E. WANNAGAT

Committee on Conference and Council

REV. GEO. DORN
REV. JOHN UTESCH
REV. H. R. GREENAWALT

Necrologist

REV. R. A. WHITE

Intermission Committee

REV. W. T. KAHSE REV. JOHN C. HERSHEY
REV. H. W. SAEGER

Constitution Committee

REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D. REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.
REV. W. I. GUSS REV. A. A. MAROHN
REV. O. W. EBRIGHT

Adjudication Committee

REV. C. G. AUE, D. D. DR. C. B. HARMAN
MR. R. B. WELLER

Committee on Ministerial Relief

MR. H. E. SORENSEN MR. FRED KAHR
MR. H. C. LUCKEY

Program for Next Session

Opening Sermon Wednesday, October 11, 1922, 9:00 o'clock
President Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Ph. D., L. L. D.

Wednesday night, Oct. 11, 1922.

Subject "Stewardship," Rev. Franklin Koch

Thursday night, Oct. 12, 1922.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. W. I. Guss
Chaplain

Rev. E. O. Wannagat.

SYNODICAL ROLL FOR 1921

Name	Ord.	Est. Synod	Address
Aue, C. G., D. D.	1895	1929	 Fremont, Nebr.
Badger, R. M.	1903	1905	 827 S. 14, Lincoln
Baltzly, O. D., D. D. Ph. D. LL. D.	1896	1911	26 & Farnum, Omaha
Bollman, E.	1889	1914	 Benedict, Neb.
Byer, E. A.	1918	1917	Roanoke Col, Salem, Va.
De Freeze, K.	1917	1916	2429 Mary st. Omaha
Dorn, George, B. D.	1915	1919	26 & Farnum Omaha
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1919	Benson Sta. Omaha
Fetterolf, J. H.	1896	1916	 Wayne
Fleck, E. Lee	1887	1910	 1313 J Lincoln
Guss, W. I.	1899	1919	 2051 N 29 Omaha
Greenwalt, H. L.	1899	1918	 Paxton
Harman, C. B., D. D.	1900	1910	 Grand Island
Helms, R. A.	1896	1919	 Hardy
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	 Hampton
Hoffman, William	1902	1920	 Davenport
Kahse, Wm. T.	1905	1912	 York
Kahl, Elmer	1899	1918	 Sidney
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	 Fremont
Klink, W. A.	1917	1919	 Rising City
Koch, C. F.	1915	1915	 North Platte
Kuhns, L. M., Litt D.	1886	1888	 Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha
Kuhlman, J. F.	1895	1899	 Pawnee City
Livers, R. W.	1906	1916	 Hooper
Lipe, L. L.	1871	1904	 Sharon, Wis.
Lowe, C. R., B. D.	1907	1913	 Dakota City
Ludwig, A. T.	1879	1879	 Nat'l Luth Home Wash'n, D. C.
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919	 Ponca
Machetzki, Paul	1915	1914	 Lincoln
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	 Wilber
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	 Verdon
Pfeifer, E.	1900	1912	 Ruskin
Powell, C. S.	1915	1918	 York
Raun, Jas. J.	1920	1920	 India
Ries, Lauritz	1918	1918	 Falls City
Rangeler, R. B.	1919	1921	 Emerson
Rangeler, W. F., D. D.	1898	1919	 West Point
Schmidt, H. F.	1895	1921	 Gretna
Saeger, H. W.	1903	1918	 Stamford
Stevens, H. W. N.	1918	1918	 Tekamah
Utesch, John	1904	1919	 Tekamah
Walborn, A. K.	1912	1920	 So. Sioux City
Wannagat, E. O.	1908	1921	 Beatrice
Weaver, G. B.	1898	1916	 Beatrice
Wertz, Fred J.	1921	1921	26 & Farnum, Omaha
Weismiller, Ralph	1914	1921	 Nebr. City
White, R. A.	1886	1886	 Wolfbach

ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES

John Robson, Benedict.....	Absent
R. W. Oldero, Gretna	Present
J. N. Lambert, Davenport	Present
L. K. Stevens, Betarice	Absent
G. W. Bates, Dakota City	Absent
Peter Anderson, So. Sioux City	Present
Fred Kahra, West Point	Present
John Harkendarff, Verdon.....	Present
Fred Willman, Grand Island	Present
H. E. Sorenson, Omaha K. M., ...	Present
G. H. Haase, Emerson.....	Present
Carl Christ, Gurley	Absent
W. W. Riggs, Sidney	Absent
H. A. Thielke, Omaha, St. Luke's.....	Present
W. H. Newcommer, York, ...	Present
O. W. Money, Allen	Present
August Hecker, Hooper	Present
M. D. Willert, Tekamah.....	Present
H. C. Luckey, Lincoln	Present
Henry Andresen, Fremont	Present
John Petring, Nebraska City	Present
I. L. Beisel, Omaha, St. Mark's.....	Absent
J. Fred Smith, Omaha Grace	Present
Wm. J. Hendy, North Platte	Absent
Robert Stambaugh, Wayne	Present

Proceedings
OF THE
Forty-ninth Annual Convention
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

The Forty-ninth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nebraska opened in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Wayne, Nebraska, Wednesday morning, Oct. 12, 1921 by the Holy Communion. Sermon by President Baltzly.

After the Communion service President Baltzly formally declared the Synod open for business.

Motion prevailed that the bar of Synod be established at the sixth pew back from the front.

Ordered that we adjourn at 12 p. m. and reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

Roll call.

Ordered that the new brethren coming into the Synod be brought to the front of the Synod and introduced to Synod. It was done.

President reported. (Exhibit A).

Ordered that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for,

Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Ph. D., L. L. D., for President; Rev. G. B. Weaver for Statistician, and for Rev. R. A. White for Historian.

Ordered that Rev. C. F. Koch cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. C. R. Lowe for Secretary.

Ordered that W. I. Guss cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Dr. Jos. H. Miller for Treasurer.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. W. Ebright.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Synod opened at 1:30 with Prayer by Rev. Ralph Weismiller.

Ordered that Dr. J. F. Krueger, Dr. E. E. Stauffer, Dr. E. Grimm Miller, and Dr. Holmes Dysinger be invited to the courtesies of our floor.

Rev. E. Grimm Miller, Representative of the Board of Ministerial Relief presented the work of his board.

Midland College trustees reported. (Exhibit B).

Ordered that the report be received as read.

Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D. D., presented the work of Midland College.

Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Dean, presented the work and claims of the Western Theological Seminary.

Ordered that we hear Dr. Krueger as to the Seminary. H. C. Luckey, Dr. W. F. Rangler, also heard.

Round table discussion followed.

Ordered that the resolution committee prepare suitable resolutions for this Synod relative to the support of Midland College, as to the current expenses, endowment, and new buildings, also as to the entrance of the College Representatives into our congregations.

Treasurer reported. (Exhibit C & C1).

Auditors' report read. (Exhibit C2).

Ordered to accept treasurer's and auditors' reports.

Brother Fred Beil heard as representative of Nebraska State Luther League.

Mrs. J. F. Krueger, representative of the Woman's Missionary Society, conveyed the heartiest greetings of the convention of their society to our Synod.

Statistical Secretary reported. (Exhibit D).

Report accepted.

Historian reported. (Exhibit E).

Report adopted.

Report of Secretary of the Young People's Society.
(Exhibit F).

Adopted report with its recommendations.

Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement. (Exhibit G).

Report adopted.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee of Midland College.

Report adopted. (Exhibit H).

Report of Committee on Protocol. (Exhibit I).

Adopted.

Report of committee on Church Schools. (Exhibit J).

Ordered to adopt the report with the exception of the first recommendation.

Moved to adopt first said recommendation.

Moved to refer this matter of the first recommendation to a committee composed of Rev. C. G. Aue, Mr. August Hecker, and Rev. C. S. Powell who are to report at this meeting of Synod. (c f Exhibit A. A. A.).

Report of Ministerial Education Committee. (Exhibit K).

Report as a whole adopted.

Report of director of Nachusa Orphanage. (Exhibit L).

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Constitution calls attention to proposed changes. (Exhibit M).

Notice of Amendment. (See Exhibit M).

President announced special committees. (Exhibit N).

Ordered to have the Anniversary Service tonight.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.

Wednesday Evening.

Anniversary program held was inspiring. It con-

sisted of a History of the 50 years of the Synod's activity by Rev. R. A. White, followed by a setting forth of the outstanding reminiscences of one third of fifty years by Rev. R. M. Badger.

Rev. W. F. Rangeler spoke on some weak and some strong points of our Synod.

He was followed by Rev. C. F. Koch who spoke on the subject "The Conditions and possibilities of the Western Territory.

Thursday Morning Session.

Synod opened at 8:30 A. M. with devotional services led by Rev. Wm. Hoffman.

At 9:00 A. M. Synod called to order for business by the president, prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Kahse.

Roll call.

Steering committee outlined the work for the morning.

Report of delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention. (Exhibit O).

Report adopted by a hearty vote.

Report of Executive committee.

As to Calendar. (Exhibit P1, Page 1).

Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's report.

Adopted. (Exhibit Q).

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence. (Exhibit R).

Adopted.

Report of Committee on New Congregations. (Exhibit S).

Adopted.

Report of Committee on letters and papers.

(Exhibit T). Adopted.

Report of Pooling Committee (Exhibit U). Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

(Exhibit V). Adopted.

Report of Adjudicating Committee. (Exhibit W).
Adopted.

Report of Necrologist. (Exhibit X).

Adopted with prayer by President.

Committee on North Platte Conference reported.

Adopted. (Exhibit Y).

Report of Resolutions Committee.

(Exhibit Z and Z1).

Adopted as amended.

Report of committee on South Platte Conference.

(Exhibit A A). Adopted.

Secretary ordered to cast unanimous ballot of Synod for Dr. W. F. Rangeler for member of Executive Committee for three years.

Also for John Petring for Midland College trustee for three years.

Also R. M. Badger and J. H. Humpe for Tabitha Home for one year.

It was done.

Ordered that Dr. Seibert, Dr. S. S. Walz and Dr. P. W. H. Frederich be invited to the courtesies of our floor.

Report of Committee on publication of Synodical paper. Referred back.

Dr. C. G. Aue elected as member of Executive Committee for one year to fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.

Rev. W. I. Guss elected trustee of Midland College for three years.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. H. F. Schmidt.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Synod opened 1:30 P. M. by President with prayer.

Dr. S. S. Walz was heard in behalf of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Final Report of Committee on publishing a Synodical paper.

(Exhibit AAA).

Report adopted.

Synod went into executive Session at 2:40 p. m.

Executive session minutes read and approved, whereupon the Executive Session adjourned.

Synod immediately convened in open session.

Report of Apportionment Committee. (Exhibit CC)
Adopted.

Work of World Service Campaign was presented by Rev. W. F. Rangeler.

Report of trustees of Tabitha Home. (Exhibit DD).
Adopted.

Rev. E. Walter heard in behalf of Tabitha Home.

Report of Mission Committee. (Exhibit EE.)

Adopted.

Final Report of Constitution Committee. (Exhibit M).

Adopted. This is an amendment to the constitution and by-laws.

Heard Rev. P. W. H. Frederich, D. D., in behalf of Pacific Seminary.

Ordered that Dr. Baltzly be the Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Election of delegates to U. L. Convention resulted as follows:

Clerical Primary—Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., Rev. C. F. Koch, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. Wm. T. Kahse.

Clerical Secondary—Rev. R. A. White, Rev. C. S. Powell; Rev. C. G. Aue; Rev. R. M. Badger; Rev. E. Bollman.

Lay Primary—H. C. Luckey, Lincoln; J. H. Miller, Surprise; G. H. Haase, Emerson; A. E. Hecker, Hooper; E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha.

Lay Secondary—D. M. Willert, Tekamah; H. F. Andresen, Fremont; W. H. Newcomer, York; H. A. Thielke, 5026 S 23, Omaha; Chas. Lierk, North Platte.

Ordered that the historical paper read by Rev. R. A.

White at the Fiftieth Anniversary service last night be printed in the minutes.

Ordered that we accept the invitation from Ponca that we meet for the fiftieth session of our Synod at that place. Invitation is for the Harvard plan.

Ordered to print fifteen hundred copies of these minutes.

Ordered that the place of printing be left in the hands of the President and Secretary.

Ordered that our Synod support one student for the ministry in the Pacific Seminary to the extent of two hundred dollars.

Ordered to appoint a delegate to the Woman's Missionary Society for 1922. Rev. G. B. Weaver was appointed.

Ordered to include the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society in the printed minutes of the Synod.

Ordered to pay the Janitor ten dollars.

Ordered to pay the Secretary fifteen dollars.

Ordered to allow the president the maximum amount of one hundred and seventy five dollars for stenographic services to the president during the year.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. E. C. Mortensen.

Thursday Evening Session.

Public services were under the auspices of the Mission Committee at which Dr. John Seibert made the principal address. Rev. W. T. Kahse spoke, touching on our work, and introduced the Home Missionaries on our synodical territory at the close of the service.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. A. K. Walborn.

Minutes were read and approved.

Roll call.

Synod was adjourned according to the regular prescribed order of the United Lutheran Church by the President.

EXHIBIT A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

"The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your Hearts and Minds through Christ Jesus."

Fifty years ago some noble and courageous pioneers of our beloved Lutheran Zion came together and organized the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the purpose of perpetuating the faith of the fathers in the language of the children. These Heralds of the faith wrought with a prophetic eye. They were convinced of the need of the faith of the Reformation for this rapidly developing section of our great land. That beginning was small and had its difficulties. It consisted of only six pastors and six congregations with something like 300 communicants. At this session of our Synod due notice will be taken of that event and the development which has taken place under the Providence of God.

While this is the fiftieth anniversary of our Synod, we are assembled in the Forty-ninth Annual Convention thereof. The year which just closes to a close has been a trying one for many of our churches, due to the financial readjustment and general depression which has prevailed throughout our land during the last twelve months, but we believe that our people have been endeavoring to prove their faith by a commendable fidelity to their churches. It is only natural that our churches should reflect in some degree what the whole commercial world has been experiencing in a very definite manner. We feel, therefore, everything considered, that we assemble in this our annual convention with much occasion for gratitude to Almighty God for His preserving care of His church, and that we have much for encouragement as we set our faces toward another year's service.

Deaths

Our Synod has been called upon to record the departure from this life of three of the highly esteemed and aged fathers of the church, the Rev. I. N. Augustine, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who departed this life on July 2, 1921, and the Rev. W. F. Elieter, of Crete, Nebraska, on June 18, 1921, in his one hundredth year; Rev. H. Heiner, who departed this

life January 2, 1921. And we are called upon to record also with profound sorrow the departure from this life of one of our true, consecrated, noble, active pastors, the Rev. George Livers, of Allen, Nebraska, on August 24th, 1921. Father Augustine Father Elster and Rev. Heiner had served their day and generation in their church with laudable service and were awaiting anxiously and patiently the call to come up higher. Brother George Livers was in the strength of years and in the full exercise of splendid powers and faculties with many years of efficient and capable service, apparently, before him. That he should be taken from our midst is one of the mysterious Providences of God, and with our limited vision of interpretation of the mysterious moving of the Divine Hand, we can only be comforted with the unfaltering faith that Jehovah God maketh no mistakes. Some day we will understand; till then wait and pray. Suitable resolutions will be presented in due time, commemorating the lives and service of these departed saints.

In harmony with the established custom, I herewith submit to you a review of the work of the past year as it pertains to the pastors and congregations and to the church in general.

Resignations.

Rev. Ralph W. Livers resigned the Hardy Parish, effective November 30th, 1920.

Rev. John Hershey resigned the Stella Parish, effective November 30th, 1920.

Rev. M. E. Bollinger resigned the Auburn Parish, effective December 15th, 1920.

Rev. Luther Bright resigned the Nebraska City Parish effective April 1, 1921.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis resigned the Emerson Parish, effective June 1, 1921.

Rev. R. A. Helms resigned the Oshkosh-Lewellen Parish, effective June 30th, 1921.

Rev. Charles R. Lowe resigned the Dakota City Parish, effective October 1, 1921.

Dismissals.

Rev. Fred Ross Schirck to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, December 1, 1920.

Rev. F. C. Fitting to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, March 8th, 1921.

Rev. Luther Bright to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, April 1st, 1921.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indiana, May 24th, 1921.

Rev. M. E. Bollinger to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, June 15th, 1921.

Calls Accepted—Accessions to the Synod.

The following were reported to me. The dates given are the dates when said calls became effective:

Rev. R. W. Livers accepted the Call to the Hooper Parish, effective December 1st, 1920.

Rev. John Hershey accepted the Call to the Hampton Parish, effective December 1st, 1920.

Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., accepted the Call to the New Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, January 15th, 1921.

Rev. E. O. Wannagat accepted the Call to the South Sioux City Parish, effective June 1st, 1921.

Rev. H. F. Schmidt entered the Synod with the Gretna Parish, June 1st, 1921.

Rev. Fredrick J. Weertz accepted a Call as Second Associate Pastor in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, June 15th, 1921.

Rev. R. A. Helms accepted the Call to the Hardy Parish effective July 1st, 1921.

Rev. Ralph Weismiller accepted the Call of the Nebraska City Parish, effective October 1st, 1921.

Rev. Ralph Rangeler accepted the Call to the Emerson Parish effective October 1st, 1921.

Installations.

Mr. George E. Mortensen was installed Pastor of the Verdon Pastorate Sunday, November 5th, 1920, by Rev. Luther Bright, who addressed both the Pastor and the congregation. Rev. Ernest E. Mortensen was installed Pastor at Wilber on November 28th, 1920, by Rev. Greeley B. Weaver, who gave the charge to both the Pastor and the congregation.

Rev. Klaas de Freese was installed Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, the charge to the Pastor being given by Rev. George Dorn and to the congregation by Rev. Fred Ross Schirck. Official installation conducted by Rev. Dorn.

Rev. W. H. Saeger was installed Pastor of the Stamford

Church on Sunday, January 9th, by Rev. Wm. Hoffman, who addressed both the Pastor and the congregation.

Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., was installed Pastor of the Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, by the President of Synod, Dr. Dy-singer addressing the congregation, the President of Synod addressing the Pastor.

Rev. John Hershey was installed Pastor at Hampton on March 18th by the Rev. Dr. C. B. Harman, D. D., who addressed both the Pastor and the congregation.

Rev. Ralph Weismiller was installed Pastor of the Lutheran Church at Nebraska City, Sunday, October 9th, by the President of Synod, who gave the charge to the Pastor and the congregation.

Rev. Ralph Livers was installed Pastor of the Lutheran Church at Hooper, Nebraska, by his brother, Rev. George Livers, January 15th. Rev. George Livers gave the charge to both the Pastor and the congregation.

Supplies.

Emerson Parish was supplied by Rev. Alfred O. Frank from June 1st to October 1st

Oakland has been under the care of Rev. J. F. Krueger, D. D., Ph D., of the Western Theological Seminary

Bruning has been occasionally supplied by Brother Paul O. Machetzki.

Stella has been supplied by professors from our Western Theological Seminary.

Walton is under the care of Rev. Pearl Mellenbruch.

Grace Lutheran Church, of Omaha, has been supplied during the year by the professors of the Western Theological Seminary.

Sidney has been under the care of the Synodical Missionary, Rev. Wm. T. Kahse.

Vacancies

The President of Synod has carried on an extensive correspondence with ministers from various sections of the church, endeavoring to care for the vacant parishes and we are able to report that every vacant parish for any length of time, and that has co-operated with the President of Synod, and that has been desirous of having a pastor has been cared for. The vacancies that we are obliged to report are vacancies that, with one or

two exceptions, have, until recently, not been responsive to our urgent solicitations.

We are obliged to report the following vacancies:

Allen, Auburn, Bruning, Eagle, Elmwood, McCool Junction, Oskosh-Lewellen, Potter, Stella, Grace Lutheran of Omaha.

That no injustice should be herein indicated, it should be reported that Allen and Grace Lutheran Church of Omaha are diligently seeking for a pastor.

Letters Received and Approved by the Examining Committee.

Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., Letter of Dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indiana, effective January 19th.

Rev. H. F. Schmidt, Letter of Dismissal from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, effective April 25th.

Rev. Fredrich J. Weertz, Letter of Dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Rocky Mountain Synod, effective October 1st.

Rev. Ralph Rangelier, Letter of Dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, effective October 1st.

Rev. Ralph Weismiller, Letter of Dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, effective October 8th.

Executive Committee Appointments.

The Executive Committee of Synod held two meetings, the first was on November 5th in obedience of the direction of Synod relative to Grace Lutheran Church of Omaha.

The second meeting was April 21st for the purpose of filling vacancies in important committees. The following appointments were made.

Rev. Clark S. Powell was appointed Secretary of Sunday Schools in place of Rev. C. H. Lewis, leaving the Synod.

Rev. A. K. Walbourn was appointed on the Mission Committee in place of Rev. M. E. Bollinger, who left the Synod.

Rev. George Livers was appointed on the Mission Committee in place of Rev. Fred Ross Schirck, leaving the Synod.

Rev. J. H. Fetterolf was appointed on the Ministerial Educational Committee in place of C. H. B. Lewis.

Rev. R. M. Badger was appointed on the Examining Committee in place of Rev. Lewis.

Rev. A. A. Marohn was appointed on the Constitutional Committee in place of Rev. Luther Bright, leaving the Synod.

Rev. George Livers was appointed on the Executive Committee in place of Rev. Lewis.

Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., was appointed on the Adjudication Committee in place of Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.

Rev. W. I. Guss was appointed to preach the Ordination sermon in place of Rev. Fred Ross Schirck.

New Congregations.

It is with pleasure that we can report an application of a congregation for membership into the Synod, which congregation becomes the basis of a new parish of a most hopeful outlook. This congregation is the Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gretna.

The Luther League.

The young people of any denomination are priceless assets to the Kingdom of Christ. The Young People's Movement in the land has been gradually adjusting itself to the respective denominations.

The fundamental consideration in all church life is, of course, that the young people be Christians, but since Christian work is conducted through the denominations, it is of great importance that our young people be trained to be intelligent churchmen. In our Lutheran denomination we believe the Luther League contributes much to this end. Thus, the United Lutheran Church in America at the Washington Convention adopted the Luther League as its official Young People's Lutheran Organization.

We would urge every pastor of the Synod to have his young people become a part of the State Luther League, and as soon as possible, to become organized in accordance with the official action of the Washington convention of the United Lutheran Church.

Board of Ministerial Relief

For a number of years, the General Bodies of our church have made temporary provision for the aged, incapacitated, widows and orphans of our Lutheran families. This most commendable work is to have, if possible, a more substantial place in the administration of the church.

The records of the Board, in their annual report, shows the excellent work that is being done. 168 retired ministers, 28 disabled ministers, 342 ministers' widows and 100 ministers' children have been supported in the amount of \$130,000. We believe

this worthy work should receive favorable consideration and support in every parish, and we urge our pastors to grant a hearing to any representative of this board who may be able to spend a service with them.

The Brotherhood.

We wish to especially commend the Lutheran Brotherhood and to urge our churches to get in touch with the General Secretary, Rev. S. S. Waltz, D. D., 159 North State, Chicago, Ill.

The church needs the active support of her men. No protestant church has so large a percentage of men as the Lutheran Church, and if our splendid men will just respond to the opportunities at hand, decided progress will be evident in our church and synod. We believe the Lutheran Brotherhood has a place in every congregation, and that every parish will be greatly benefited by its proper functioning.

South America.

A clarion call comes to the church for action in South America. This continent is greater in extent than our own. The door to that vast field of opportunity seems to be Buenos Aires. Like Paul who sought the strategic centers of his day, our Mission Board seeks to plant the church in that great radiating center. An emergency is at hand due to the owner of the building in which the mission has been operating desiring to occupy the building for his own purposes.

We believe the special appeal that is being made in behalf of a worthy establishment of our United Lutheran Church in this great city is deserving of our support.

The Every Member Canvass.

The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church sends a special communication in the following words:

"The Executive Board, at its meeting held May 12, 1921, took action requesting all the Synods, in view of the urgent and growing needs of the Boards, which are the churches' agencies for carrying on its Missionary, educational and merciful activities, to secure, if possible, the co-operation of all our pastors and congregations in the Every Member Canvass to be made during Thanksgiving week.

A special endorsement of this canvass has been sent to us

from the Ways and Means Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania by a special request of the President of the United Lutheran Church of America.

I am aware that many of the congregations of our Synod have arranged their church year according to the Synodical year, and this naturally calls for the Every Member Canvass to be in September. It may not be wise to make a change. There is, however, much to be gained by having a simultaneous canvass of all the churches. It gives a prestige to the announcement and conveys a responsibility to every congregation that it must perform its part in the great movement.

We urge every church to make this Every Member Canvass in a most thorough manner.

Special Resolutions by the United Lutheran Church.

Two important resolutions to be transmitted to the District Synods were adopted at the last convention of the United Lutheran Church and are as follows:

First, Resolved that this Body hereby express its conviction that the Synods connected with it should require a minister, who leaves the specific work of the ministry to engage in secular pursuits, to deposit his ordination certificate with the President of Synod, of which he is a member, to be returned to him whenever he resumes, with the consent of the President of Synod, to work of the ministry. This does not apply to those who may be incapacitated by age or ill health (see minutes of United Lutheran Church, p. 208).

Second, Whereas, the benevolent contributions should never even temporarily be used by congregations to meet local expenses, thereby perhaps diverting gifts from the purpose for which they were given, and

Whereas, the best interests of the Church demands that the benevolent contributions be transmitted every month to the proper Treasurer. We, therefore, ask the United Lutheran Church to recommend to its constituent Synods for consideration the following resolution:

"Resolved, that we recommend the election of two Treasurers in every congregation, one for the current fund, and one for benevolence."

Election of Delegates.

A communication from the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church contains the information that the next biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America will be held in Buffalo, about October 17th to 26th. In that event it becomes necessary for us to elect delegates to that convention, inasmuch as the constitution of the United Lutheran Church prescribes that the Secretary of Synod shall certify to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America the delegates from Synod, thirty days before the biennial convention. It will, therefore, be our duty to elect five clergymen and five laymen with alternates to that convention of the United Lutheran Church.

Improvements.

Although the year which just comes to a close has witnessed a general depression in business, yet there has been a very commendable list of improvements made in our churches, as follows:

Allen.—Painting and basement repaired, at cost of \$150.00.

Dakota City, Salem.—Bought Immanuel's interest in the parsonage for the sum of \$655.00.

Davenport.—An electric motor was installed in the place of the windmill and the water system installed in the parsonage at a total cost of \$195.00.

Emerson.—Garage for the pastor, redecorating parsonage, furnace repaired at the cost of \$500.00. This church owns the pastor's car, a stereotype, lantern and a neostyle.

Grand Island.—Repaired parish house. Purchased 152 common service books, choir robes, pulpit and lecturn coverings, and other chancel equipment to the amount of \$1172.26. \$2500.00 have been contributed as a starting fund for the new church.

Hampton.—A new parsonage which will be finished about December 1st, at a cost of \$3100.00, one-half of which has already been provided, modern in every respect.

Hooper.—Grading, parking and curbing the church lot at a value of \$200.00.

Lincoln.—New parsonage, Sunday School room decorated at a cost of \$4575.00, all provided for with the exception of \$1050.00.

North Platte.—\$3000.00 paid on the debt. Piano purchased at the cost of \$400.00.

Omaha, Church of the Redeemer.—New roof on the church

building at the cost of \$250.00 and interest bearing debt of \$1200.00 paid off, leaving the church free of all interest bearing indebtedness.

Omaha, First Lutheran, Benson.—Installed new Common Service Hymnals. Paid off old debt amounting to \$1200.00.

Omaha, St. Luke's.—Sold lot at 23rd and K Sts., purchased new location for the future and greater St. Luke's at 24th and I Sts., 120 feet, facing on 24th St., 150 feet deep, at the price of \$18,500.00 with an arrangement of payments easily cared for by the parish. A new car for the pastor.

Omaha, St. Mark's.—Decoration of Sunday School rooms and cement drive at cost of \$321.00.

Ponca.—A new Chancel with complete Lutheran arrangement and equipment, at a cost of \$650.00, and new loose leaf membership record, 1000 feet of side-walk at a cost of \$300.00.

Rising City.—Furnace and new floors in the parsonage and cement walk laid at the cost of \$440.00.

Sidney Parish.—The Gurley Church built an altar and purchased carpet at a cost of \$110.00.

Sidney Church improved the parsonage and made repairs at the cost of \$200.00.

Stamford.—Parsonage remodelled and enlarged at the cost of \$1600.00.

Verdon.—Remodeled garage, new fences, repaired furnace, cost \$100.00. Duplex envelopes adopted.

Wayne.—Furnace in parsonage and paving and other repairs \$1325.00

Wilber.—Reshingling of parsonage, sewer connection. New shades in parsonage, \$410.50, and a new piano in the church.

Wolbach.—An altar cross, \$60.00.

West Point.—Repairs on church building, \$250.00.

York.—Repair of parsonage and new altar coverings, \$75.00. Church voted, September 25th, for a new parsonage, and for that purpose has installed a "Jehoida Chest", the first offering of which recorded \$137.00.

Financial Depression.

It cannot be overlooked that our country is passing through a period of financial depression and retraction. We need not be surprised if this depression is reflected in our church finances and benevolences, but let us prove ourselves to be men equal

to the situation. It is not a time for excitement or pessimistic views. It is, however, for real generalship and the situation will call for the best exercise of administration of which we are capable. The coming months must find us with the spirit of "patient continuance in well doing". Let us not expect to escape the discouragements of our people but let us everyone be an example of faith and service to those who look to us for spiritual leadership. May God forbid that in a crisis, His ministers should be "weighed in the balances and found wanting". This is not a time for running, for the fortress of the Kingdom must be held and the church must look to the ministers for the Word of courage and strength.

The Need of Men for the Ministry.

It is most distressing that we come to the fiftieth anniversary of this honorable body with no one for licensure or ordination. I feel deeply pained over this fact, and I believe that many hearts in this Synod are equally distressed that it should be so. Why should we come to an annual convention with no life to be consecrated to the greatest work that has ever been entrusted to a human soul, with no one ready to invest his time and ability in the most stirring and far-reaching results within a human experience? What is the cause?

I wonder if in the life measurement of the world, that the things of this life have become the dominant measure in the Christian Church. I fear it has, and that a poor conviction of the supreme investment of life prevails. I believe there needs to be a profound awakening in both pulpit and pew, to the supreme things of human life, and that God needs to be restored to His first place in the souls of men. Then will fathers and mothers and young men see the glory of the Lord and in answer to the Divine Call, "Who will go for me?", we shall have the answer, "Here am I, send me". As a means to the accomplishment of this greatly to be desired conviction, I believe a committee should be appointed, composed of men who have a profound conviction of the Church of Christ and of its commanding claim on the young lives of our parishes, whose mission it shall be to make the conviction of service supreme.

The Ministry for Our Generation.

The ministry for our generation. What shall it be?

We are living in a changed order of things in the business

world under the shibboleth of efficiency. Devices, schemes, forms and machinery have been advocated and multiplied without number. In many quarters the ministry has sought to equip itself with every modern business appliance, anticipating efficient results thereby. The preaching even is garbed in the language of the salesman, and religion treated as a commodity. The world has cheered this new departure, but is not effected by it. It seems to be rather a welcome of the church into its fold, and a commendation for having taken upon itself, the secular life.

Brethren, the present age is not going to be saved by system or schemes or equipment or devices of any kind or manner, but by a realization of the desperate character of sin, of its blighting power, of its terrific hold upon human lives and a vivid understanding of Jesus Christ as the only redemption therefrom. "The present world is going to be led out of the wilderness in which it has lost itself", not by a Moses with all manner of rules and regulations and equipment, but by an Isaiah, who will speak to the generation in "Thus saith the Lord". The redemption of the world will "not be by might or by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord".

The Ministers' first business today, as never before, is to minister. All else, ads, form letters and all the rest, is secondary and should be kept sternly subservient to His great Calling. He is called—and the ages past and the ages to come call him—to keep aright within the souls of men the flame of the eternal. A passion for souls must fill our hearts, and the burden of the Lord, with the message of life must rest heavily upon us. This is first.

Parish Sorrows.

Three of the homes of our beloved Pastors have passed through deep sorrow since last meeting of the Synod.

On November 9, 1921, Mrs. George Livers, the wife of our consecrated brother at Allen, departed this life after an extended illness, leaving to mourn this great loss her husband and two precious sons and a daughter.

In June, the home of our esteemed co-workers, Rev. and Mrs. William Hoffman suffered the loss of a precious little son.

On October 8th, our beloved brother Klaus de Freese suffered the loss of his devoted wife, who in addition to her sorrowing husband leaves a precious little baby.

Profoundest sympathy of our Synod goes out to these famil-

ies and may our God, whose comforting grace we teach to others, give strength and courage to these sorrowing souls.

Recommendations.

First. We recommend that this Synod again approve of the Benevolence Campaign to be held Thanksgiving week, and that as far as compatible our congregations co-operate in the Every Member Canvass.

Second. That this Synod approves of the recommendation of the United Lutheran Church relative to each congregation having two Treasurers, one for its Current Expenses and one for Benevolence.

Third. That every Treasurer of Benevolence shall send, on or before the tenth of each month, a remittance of such Benevolence as he has on hand to the Treasurer of Synod.

Fourth. That we express our delight and heartiest approval that the United Lutheran Church in America at its Washington Convention decided to locate the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions at Chicago.

Fifth. That a Committee on Architecture be appointed, which shall study the subject of Lutheran Architecture, and be ready to furnish information for the future building of churches within the bounds of this Synod.

Sixth. That we invite and urge the President and Theological Professors of the Western Theological Seminary to make a systematic visitation of all the churches within the bounds of this Synod, and to present the cause of Christian Education and appeal for young lives to be consecrated to the holy office of the Ministry.

Seventh. That we urge the people of our congregations to subscribe for the official paper of the United Lutheran Church, "The Lutheran".

Eighth. That we Pastors hereby pledge ourselves that we make a special effort to turn the young people of our congregations to Midland College, where they shall receive an education under Christian influences.

In conclusion, permit me to express my appreciation for the universal kindness shown and the assistance rendered during

the year. I herewith return to the Synod the trust committed to my care one year ago.

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; The Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BALTZLY.

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of Midland College met in annual session at Fremont on June 7th. The meeting was well attended and the deepest interest was manifest on the part of every one present.

Of the business transacted at this meeting and other matters of importance pertaining to the College and Seminary, we would mention the following:

Through the report of the Executive Committee the information was brought to the Board that the Nye property could be purchased at this time for the Western Seminary for \$60,000 and an annual annuity of \$1,800 during the life of Mr. Nye, or his wife should she survive him. The Board made personal investigation of the buildings and grounds and voted favorably on its purchase, authorizing the Executive Committee to make further investigations and buy the property if nothing developed to discourage such procedure. The history of the transaction to date is that the Executive Committee, through a special committee, and the Seminary Faculty after making more minute survey of the property, decided, that to fit up the building for Seminary purposes and to keep up the grounds in the proper manner would necessitate such an expenditure as to make the property at the first price a burden to the Church. The Committee decided that \$30,000 would be about all that should be paid, besides the annuity above mentioned. The latest knowledge we have of the deal is that Mr. Nye has practically come down in his price to \$35,000. Negotiations are still being carried on through our Mr. Abbott, who, in his characteristic manner, is working to the very best interest of the institution.

The matter of securing a financial man at this time received no consideration by the Board, but as seemed best for the present a Financial Committee was created in whose hands was given the direction of the campaign to raise the necessary

funds for the College and Seminary on this territory. This committee consists of five, one man from each of the Synods represented on the Board. In the plans for the committee were comprehended the services of Dr. Stauffer for the College and Dr. Krueger for the Seminary, who would spend about three-fourths of their time on the territory securing cash and subscriptions for current expenses, endowment and new buildings. These brethren are working diligently in harmony with the plans of the Board, doing the very best they can in the congregations whose doors are open for their canvassing. Three things prevail to make the financial situation of our School as it is. These are: First, that the institution with its present endowment and student body is far from being self-sustaining; Second, the extra needs occasioned by the increased cost of living during 1919 to 1921 have caused us, like all other similar institutions, to run behind in our regular obligations; Third, that the Board of Education reduced their appropriation of \$15,000 promised for 1919 and 1920 by 40%, and in addition to this reduction from our income on the annual budget the Board of Education is indebted to us now on last year's appropriation \$5,000. As to the removal pledge fund, let us advise you that much of the money due and past due, is not coming in. During these times we do not feel that we should push these claims, but the people should be reminded that their obligations are legitimate and should receive their serious attention. The contributions of our various congregations during this coming winter for the regular current expenses and benevolence will tax most of our people to the extent of their ability, at least to the extent of their willingness, nevertheless Drs. Stauffer and Krueger are going after the job hopefully. Let us help and encourage them in every way possible. It might be well to remind you that Dr. Dysinger and Dr. Klotche have assumed the class room work of Dr. Krueger while he is out on the field, while the extra duties of administration of Dr. Stauffer while he is absent from the institution are being taken care of by Dean Tilberg, extra teaching by Dr. Aue, and all without additional compensation.

We would call your attention also to the fact that the Board of Directors voted to ask our churches on Midland's territory to set aside a day in May to be known as Midland College Day. This is in keeping with the action of the United Lutheran Church. In addition to this, the Executive Committee authorized the observance of October the second this year at Fremont.

The day was observed, and the report is that it was a great success. It is estimated that 1,500 people attended the services. It was another opportunity for our Lutheran people to see the institution and hear able presentation of the cause of Christian Education. Let us keep Midland College in mind next May and let us be ready to do at least one of three things: Take an offering for the College, present the work of Christian Education, or make an urgent appeal to the parents and young men of our Church in behalf of the Christian Ministry. These same great needs of the Church should also be considered for the Day of Prayer for Colleges in February. In accordance with the evident plans of our United Lutheran Church we should be localizing and centralizing all our educational interests and endeavors on the College and Seminary on our own territory, in our State, in the center of our great middle western Lutheranism.

Some statistics of enrollment will doubtless be profitable in this valuable space. Midland College enrollment at Fremont for the corresponding period of the opening for three years.

	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
College -----	97	131	175
Academy -----	58	57	42
Commercial -----	54	92	62
Art Departments -----	72	83	89
Total -----	278	353	368

Total at the end of 1st year 456, and at end of 2nd year 492.

The increase in the Freshmen class is 30% over that of last year and for the entire collegiate department 32½% over last year's enrollment during the first semester. The Preparatory has a few less and the Commercial School 25 less than at the same time a year ago.

It is a matter of real gratification that the High Schools of Nebraska are coming to know Midland College and her work more fully, which means increased enrollment from year to year. Midland College has a good reputation among the Educators of Nebraska and the impression of the general public concerning the School and its work is the very best. May our pastors and congregations be encouraged by these things to stand by Midland College in clearing up the financial needs now inevitably upon us.

We deem it fitting to add this sort of personal note. First,

that we should express our deepest appreciation for the good fortune to our Church out here that Dr. J. F. Krueger refused the very complimentary opportunity from the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, that he might remain with us to spend his splendid ability in the building up of our Western Seminary at Fremont into that School of Prophets in this mighty Lutheran West, which has been in his vision for the years past. Together with his loyal and capable co-workers in our Western Seminary, with the ardent support of the Church that will attend his efforts, nothing can be regarded too big for the attainment of this institution in our great and wealthy territory. Let's get the step with Dr. Krueger and keep it, and we are positive that he will be more than sufficiently gratified in the choice he has made.

Second, we are constrained, possibly most by the deep sense of personal loss, to call attention of this body to the loss to Midland College of our lamented brother, the Rev. George W. Livers, whose fourth consecutive term of office as trustee from this Synod would have been concluded at this session of Synod. This Synod loses a most devout champion of the cause of Christian education and an untiring, humble, tactful and dependable representative of this cause on the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

We recommend only this, that every pastor and congregation of our Synod read and consider the serious and earnest suggestions made in this report, and that they most heartily and fully co-operate in bringing to speedy success the program of our efficient faculty and Board of Trustees for the greater Midland College and Western Seminary rightfully hoped for.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 3860.51
Received for the United Lutheran Church.....	15366.24
Received for Synodical Treasury.....	2407.90
Received for Synodical Missions.....	2253.57
Received for Ministerial Education, apportionment.....	1024.35
Received for Ministerial Education, returned loans.....	718.80
Received for Tabitha Home, apportionment.....	409.74

Received for Tabitha Home, specials.....	612.37
Received for Nachusa Home, apportionment.....	409.74
Received for Nachusa Home, specials.....	117.13
Received for Seminary Contingent Fund.....	341.45
Received for Foreign Missions.....	721.74
Received for Home Missions.....	15.00
Received for Pastors' Fund.....	18.00
Received for Board of Education.....	55.00
Received for Pacific Seminary.....	75.00
Received for Church Extension.....	600.00
Received for Relief in Far East.....	141.57
Received for Relief in Near East.....	245.19
Received for Lutheran World Service.....	150.27
Received for Midland College.....	1493.04
Received for Western Theological Seminary, to furnish room	45.27
Total	\$31081.88

Disbursements

Paid Treasurer of United Lutheran Church, apportionment	\$15366.24
Paid Treasurer of United Lutheran Church, specials.....	1484.74
Paid Synodical Mission Committee.....	2253.57
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home.....	1022.11
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Home.....	526.87
Paid Treasurer of Seminary Contingent Fund.....	341.45
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Council.....	537.03
Paid Treasurer of Midland College.....	1493.04
Paid from Synodical Treasury:	
W. T. Kahse	\$ 9.08
W. I. Guss.....	25.88
Geo. Dorn.....	10.33
C. F. Koch.....	78.70
C. R. Lowe.....	88.30
M. E. Bollinger.....	38.29
F. R. Shirck.....	9.88
W. L. Bright.....	1.00
Mrs. Margaret Chamberlain.....	17.00
Northwestern Business College.....	3.00
G. B. Weaver.....	65.28
E. A. Van Fleet.....	15.18

O. A. Keyser.....	3.00
O. D. Baltzly.....	96.11
W. F. Rangeler.....	13.15
Chas. H. Lewis.....	277.66
Jos. H. Miller.....	81.38
Lauritz Ries.....	1.33
L. M. Kuhns.....	.95
A. K. Walborn.....	.95
R. W. Livers.....	40.69
John Utesch.....	1.21
M. G. Leamer.....	57.23
C. F. Overbeck.....	45.53
J. F. Smith.....	4.97
R. P. Ross.....	10.00
Corey & McKensie Printing Co.....	117.50
Hoyt & Akers.....	715.23
E. Bollman.....	22.50
C. M. Johnson.....	4.61
C. B. Harman.....	76.67
D. A. Wassum.....	42.00
W. D. Morton.....	41.00
J. H. Humpe.....	36.00
Anna Anderson.....	31.80
G. F. Oesterreicher.....	5.00
Surprise Enterprise.....	11.50
Miss Lula Jacobsen.....	25.95
Geo. W. Livers.....	10.68
C. S. Powell.....	6.75

2143.27

Paid from Ministerial Fund:

E. H. Dunbar.....	150.00
Lawrence Mortensen.....	175.00
A. W. Young.....	175.00
W. A. Voss.....	175.00
A. O. Frank.....	200.00

875.00

Cash on hand 5038.66

Total \$31081.88

Cash on hand is as follows:

Synodical Treasury	\$1509.46
Ministerial Education	2812.63
Home Mission Reserve Fund	671.20
Western Theological Seminary	45.27
Total received for the year	\$27221.37
Received on the Apportionment	22195.24
Deficit on Apportionment	5255.76
Churches that have met or exceeded Apportionment	17
Churches that have given nothing on Apportionment	10
Churches that have given only a very small per cent assessed	6

It is hoped that with co-operation of the Committee on Stewardship and Benovolence during the coming year, a much better report will be given a year hence.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. H. Miller, Treasurer.

EXHIBIT C-1.
TREASURER'S EXHIBIT.

	Assessed	Paid	Specials	Totals
Allen	\$ 410.00	\$ 198.60		\$ 198.60
Auburn	296.00			
Beatrice	588.00	402.71	41.49	444.20
Benedict, Bethel	98.00	94.00	8.00	102.00
Benedict, Zion	341.00	205.00	3.90	208.90
Dakota, Emanuel	88.00	46.50		46.50
Dakota, Salem	296.00	344.00	5.00	349.00
Davenport	345.00	333.00	43.25	376.25
Bruning	250.00			
Eagle	202.00			
Edmwood	130.00		13.16	13.16
Emerson	540.00	540.00	380.73	920.73
Ericson	78.00	54.00		54.00
Falls City	572.00	227.03		227.03
Fremont	728.00	743.95	66.50	810.45
Grand Island	777.00	777.00		777.00
Gurley	94.00	91.09	52.00	143.09
Hampton	267.00	202.30		202.30
Hardy	198.00			
Hardy, Jewell	88.00	90.35		90.35
Homer	221.00	38.33		38.33

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	Assessed	Paid	Specials	Totals
Hooper	488.00	488.00	52.00	540.00
Lewellen	179.00			
Lincoln	839.00	839.00	125.00	964.00
McCool Junction	299.00			
Nebraska City	410.00		32.43	32.43
North Platte	1043.00	1064.28	201.00	1265.28
Oakland	179.00	179.00	15.00	194.00
Omaha, Benson	325.00	325.00		325.00
Omaha, Grace	900.00	350.59	30.95	381.54
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	8288.00	8288.00	1034.65	9302.65
Omaha, Redeemer	550.00	400.00	25.00	425.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	650.00	375.00		375.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	822.00	981.00	59.76	1040.76
Oshkosh	120.00			
Pawnee City, Zion	81.00	2.00	11.00	13.00
Ponca	592.00	250.00	12.75	262.75
Potter	130.00	5.00	60.00	65.00
Paxton	241.00	232.00	9.00	241.00
Rising City	263.00	360.00	1564.26	1924.26
Sidney	189.00	12.00		12.00
South Sioux	140.00	16.00		16.00
Stamford, Trinity	283.00	38.00		38.00
Stamford, Emanuel	101.00			
Stella	208.00	208.00		208.00

	Assessed	Paid	Specials	Totals
Sutherland	111.00	52.00		52.00
Tekamah	166.80	166.00	48.11	214.11
Walton	309.00	178.01	40.57	218.58
Wayne	670.00	517.00		517.00
West Point	1290.00	1350.00	124.00	1474.00
Wilber	133.00	133.00	48.80	181.80
Wolbach	315.00	295.00	19.50	314.50
Verdon	293.00	272.00	124.72	396.72
York	257.00	208.75	9.80	218.55
Gretna		25.00	5.00	30.00
Philathea Class, Benedict			35.00	35.00
L. L. Lipe		5.00	5.00	10.00
Synod in session		29.66		29.66
J. C. Mortensen			503.00	503.00
Richard Mortensen			33.80	33.80
E. A. Byers			182.00	182.00
Interest on deposits		183.00		183.00
Totals	\$27451.00	\$22195.24	\$5026.13	\$27221.37

EXHIBIT C-2.**Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:**

We, the undersigned, as auditing committee, have audited the records and books of J. H. Miller, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, for the Synodical year beginning October 1, 1920, and find them to be correct as follows:

Total receipts.....	\$31,081.88
Total disbursements.....	26,043.32
Balance	5,038.56
Outstanding checks.....	5,206.87
Balance in bank.....	\$10,245.43

The balance on hand of \$5,038.56 is distributed in the following funds:

Nebraska Synod Treasury.....	\$1,509.46
Ministerial Education.....	2,812.63
Miscellaneous	45.27
Home Missionary Reserve.....	671.20
Total	\$5,038.56

The balance in the bank checks with the certified statement of R. R. Ross, Cashier State Bank of Surprise, Surprise, Nebraska, dated October 1, 1921.

Your Committee did not find a report among the records of the previous audit as of September 30, 1920, and would recommend that, in the future, the auditing committee be furnished with a report of the last audit as a basis for making a proper audit.

Respectfully submitted,

GUS S. HORN, Chairman
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church,
I. L. DEISEL.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Dated October 8, 1921.

EXHIBIT D.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN.

A short summary from the Assembly Sheet and from the Parochial reports may be of interest to Synod.

Congregations 55, parishes 44, Parishoners 32, baptized members 13,732, confirmed 10,051, communing 6,425, value of property \$1,203,642.00, indebtedness \$52,948, Current expenses \$97,095, unusual expenses \$26,920, total benevolence \$33,480, total expenditures \$158,022.

Two pastors sent no report; the Statistician had to make out sixteen reports as best he could. The figures are not exactly correct because of the negligence of these two pastors and a number of laymen. There is an increase in many items which should cause rejoicing: 1,142 baptisms, 491 confirmed, 572 communing, one Sunday School, 29 officers and teachers, 837 scholars; 17 cradle roll, three for the ministry, six brotherhoods and 169 members, eight women's societies and 488 members, 11 young people's societies and 331 members.

An increase of \$49,642.00 in valuation of property, \$4,817.00 in current expenses and \$3,948.00 on paid benevolence. Not as much unusual expense and unapportioned benevolence as the year before. Twenty churches report a net gain in confirmed membership, twenty-one paid the full amount of benevolence and thirteen had an excess.

There was a loss of 140 catechumens and 65 in the Home Department in the Sunday School.

Sixteen pastors insist on reporting the cents instead of even dollars, as Synod has asked time and again.

The Statistician of the United Lutheran Church requests that our minutes be printed by our own publication house, so that there is uniformity with the minutes of all the Synods. This is a splendid request, and your Statistician believes the request should be heeded.

I have no recommendations, because each pastor does as he pleases about them. Last year the pastors were asked to report what was paid for education, including the pledges to Midland College. But very little done on that item. Pastors, please show your love for your Church by sending in the best report you possibly can.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Weaver.

Midland College

Wants more of our Lutheran
sons and daughters

To surround the young people of
our church with Christian influ-
ences and atmosphere while re-
ceiving their education is part of
the reason for our existence.

We want an opportunity to fulfil
our mission to all our Lutheran
young people.

Be Loyal to Your Midland
College

We Pledge Loyalty to Our Churches.

Address the President, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D. D.

28	OMAHA	GRACE	1880	VACANT	1	317	310	1968	113	50	136	134	84	17	6100	200	600	1	10	100	25	840
29	OMAHA-KOUNTZE MEMORIAL	1ST ASSOCIATE	1887	BALT ZLY	1	390	3205	1968	113	50	136	134	84	17	6100	200	600	2	84	1068	75	2503
30	OMAHA	REDEMER	1917	WEERTZ	1	334	777	160	21	1	2	12	17	13	118	30	12	1	18	130	25	12
31	OMAHA	ST LUKE'S	1905	KLAVIS	1	387	250	237	31	5	9	32	8	6	4	23	129	1	21	225	3	37
32	OMAHA	ST MARK'S	1886	GUSS	1	361	324	221	10	1	16	19	6	7	1	5	12	85	40	30	20	47
33	OMAHA	ST MARK'S	1906	VACANT	1	65	54														1	201
34	OMAHA	SHKOSH	1906	VACANT	1	100	55														8	56
35	LEYELLEN	GRACE	1906	VACANT	1	35	25														15	15
36	PRINCEE CITY	ZION	1902	VACANT	1	131	100	81	8	13	1	3				2	40	1	3	15	10	
37	PAXTON	TRINITY	1902	GREENAVALT	1	56	35	26	4	6												41
38	SOUTHERLAND	GRACE	1905		1	227	181	145	12	2	1	5	2	7	1						10	
39	PONCA	SALEM	1871	MAROHN	1	60	50	78	9	2	1	4				8	20	100	1	14	115	30
40	PONCA	FIRST	1898	VACANT	1	35	91														30	
41	POITING	CLINK	1898	VACANT	1	81	50	20	3	1						3	20	3	5	24		21
42	RISING CITY	KAHSE	1898	VACANT	1	59	35	53	2	2						4	20	4	20	17	3	
43	SIDNEY	GRACE	1916	3rd Miss	1	87	59	59	2	4	6	3				2	4	27	1	4	38	5
44	GURLEY	REDEMER	1920	YANNAGAT	1	80	41	41	3	5											5	
45	S.S. SOUX CITY	TRINITY	1883	SAEDER	1	96	50			3	1	1				24			7	50	1	
46	STAMFORD	EMMANUEL	1844	VACANT	1	78	54	48	2	3	2	14	10			9	5	14	53	24	10	2
47	STELLA	TRINITY	1879	UTESCH	1	216	127	100	6							7					8	1
48	TEKAMAH	EMMANUEL	1883	MORTENSEN	1	151	113	77		11	3	11	13	14	15	5	8	20	30	18	15	14
49	VERDON	ST MARK'S	1916	MELLENBROUCH	1	368	264	199	18	11	9	24	8	5	7	350	15	200	50	17	24	18
50	WALTON	ST PAUL'S	1874	FETTEROLF	1	554	436	343	31	2	9	24	8	5	7	350	15	200	50	17	24	18
51	WAYNE	GRACE	1874	RANGELER	1	153	46	38	3	1	6	3	40	1	5	3	40	1	5	80	50	
52	WYBET POINT	GRACE	1883	MORTENSEN	1	188	133	107	11	6	4	15	2	6	1	9	60	4	15	102	10	12
53	WYLBACH	FIRST	1903	WHITE	1	35	30	28	8	2	6	5	2	6	1	1					9	
54	WYLBACH	TRINITY	1883	WHITE	1	120	110	75		1	5	6	15			4	40	20	11	47	19	
55	WYLBACH	FIRST	1883	POWELL	1	1312	1008	6425	482	104	159	445	930	284	1812	54	184	772	44	2938	330	9
56	YORKSON	FIRST	1921		55	12530	3546	6853	451	137	503	263	251	56	12535						708	9
57	YORKSON	FIRST	1920		52	1142	431	572	15	144	32	55	23	188	4	177	144	2838	330	129	837	17
	TOTAL			INCREASE	3																5	2023
	TOTAL			DECREASE																	6	

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32	1	26	1	48	1	25	15066	15000	3326	1563	4883	400	112				25	25	425	5314		
33	1	20	3	40	1	12	12000	20000	6700	3286	1894	375	253				22	69	91	466	5640	
34	1	37	2	55	2	43	20000	25000	1152	3766	622	981	177				11	289	619	665	6034	
35							4000	4000	50	50	50										50	
36							4000	4000	25	25	25										25	
37							2000	2000	10	10	10										10	
38	1	12	1	30			3500	3500	1137	66	1203	232	79				9	8	22	254	1457	
39							3500	3500	467		467	52	64						52	519	519	
40							7000	25000	500	4659	2698	7367	250	321					250	7617	7617	
41							5000	20000	25	25	25										25	
42							7800	2500	1800	405	2206	360	103				576	40	40	400	2605	
43							3500	10500	260	100	360	87	35							87	447	
44							5000	5000	200	650	125	775	90	2					10	100	876	
45							500	500	612	612	612	16							16		658	
46							5900	5900	655	1100	1607	2707	273								2707	
47							200	200	300	300	500										500	
48							7000	7000	1778	120	1898	116	6								25	
49	1	15	1	5	1	20	2000	25000	1200	160	2267	272	201				33	185	15	339	2237	
50							3000	8200	50	50	50								137	409	2676	
51	1	15	2	25	1	18	7000	14000	1500	2392	1741	511	161				25	35	64	581	4644	
52	1	7	2	52	1	18	10000	41000	600	3165	525	1474	237				60	145	217	421	5585	
53	1	20	3	38	2	60	6000	6000	1696	133	1696	133							112	241	1871	
54							2000	4000	867	867	295								80	375	1242	
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56							4500	9000	1550	1393	1393	208	39						10	218	1611	
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EXHIBIT E.**HISTORIAN'S REPORT.**

Since the six ministers and three laymen met in Omaha September 1, 1871, and organized the Nebraska Synod, what wonderful changes do we see. On this anniversary occasion we can look back over the past fifty years and exclaim in the words of the Holy Writ, "What hath God wrought." While figures do not tell the whole story of work done and uplifting influences exerted, nevertheless they are often a good index to progress. The following brief table for three decades will show that we have not stood still during the last half century:

	1891	1900	1911	1920
Churches -----	54	30	48	52
Confirmed members ----	2,289	2,525	5,165	9,560
Baptized members -----			6,791	12,590
Sunday Schools -----	45	31	44	51
Scholars -----	3,250	3,241	4,341	5,313
Property value -----	\$335,400	\$223,600	\$421,150	\$1,154,000
Benevolence -----	\$4,530	\$3,530	\$9,436	\$42,295

1891 was the year that the German congregations withdrew and organized the German Nebraska Synod. In the same year the Rocky Mountain Synod was organized. The formation of these Synods reduced the Nebraska Synod in every way. Yet the membership in 1900 with 30 churches was greater than it was in 1891 with 54 churches. When we ponder these figures, we can "thank God and take courage".

For some time the Historian had felt the need of some kind of a receptacle for the books, documents and other things belonging to the office, hence he had a small chest made for the purpose, the material and work costing \$3.00. This with fifty cents for postage and \$1.00 express, in all \$4.50 is his bill.

R. A. WHITE, Historian.

EXHIBIT F.**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.**

What has been done in the past by the Young Peoples' Societies for good and what is being done by them now, should fill every one of us with wonder and awe. Every pastor who

has a Young Peoples' Society has learned to appreciate the need which it has supplied in the training of the young people of his church in the fundamental teachings of our beloved Zion and in helping them to appreciate our glorious heritage.

Great things are in store for us when these young leaders become the owners of homes and possessors of influence and ability to welcome and commend our church to the stranger of the future. Missions will thrive when the cultivated intelligence of men and women train from youth in the spirit of giving and going, becomes the ruling genius of churches. The church will grow in numbers and efficiency when these trained workers will assist the pastor in gathering souls into the kingdom and help keep and guard and cherish those who are in her sheltering fold.

We are grateful to Almighty God to report a net gain of eleven societies for the past year with a total increase in membership of three hundred and thirty-one.

RECOMMENDATIONS

First. In view of the official action of the United Lutheran Church in America in declaring the Luther League of America, its official young people organization, we recommend, that our pastors organize their young peoples' organizations in accordance with this official action.

Second. That this Synod authorize this office to procure all necessary literature to aid newly organized societies.

Third. That all pastors be urged as far as possible to organize a Young Peoples' Society if they do not have one at present.

Fourth. That this Synod give one page in its printed minutes to the State Luther League of Nebraska for the purpose of listing its officers and objects, as per copy attached.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dorn, Secretary.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA.

President.....Mr. Alfred Bell, 1018 East Military Ave., Fremont
 Vice President, 1.....Miss Marie Kinsfater, Lincoln
 Vice President, 2.....Miss Emma Ruwe, Fontenelle
 Vice President, 3.....Rev. F. J. Weertz, 26 Farnum Ave., Omaha
 Rec. Secretary.....Miss Bertha Grepengiser, 2223 So. 29th, Omaha
 Stat. Secretary.....Mrs. G. Wuhler, 3019 N. 60th, Omaha
 Treasurer.....Miss Louise Schmitz, 1109 O St., Lincoln

Object.

First. To promote the growth and increase the efficiency of the Young Peoples' Societies of the Lutheran Churches within this state by association and co-operation.

Second. To encourage and assist in the formation of local leagues and help them maintain and advance their objects.

Third. To form a bond of union between the local league and the Luther League of America.

Fourth. To foster the spirit of loyalty to the church by the study of her history, doctrines and usages, engage in her work, and by promoting friendship among the members of the societies.

Any young people's society connected with a church or institution affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America is entitled to active membership, while any Lutheran young peoples' society connected with a church or institution not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America is entitled to associate membership and its delegates entitled to all privileges, with the exception of holding office and membership in the Executive Committee.

There are twenty-four Leagues.

Next Convention—West Point, September 22, 23, 24, 1922.

EXHIBIT G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The chief work of Your Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee was to assist the Treasurer of Synod in endeavoring to raise the full amount of the Benevolence. Emphasis was also laid on the necessity of each congregation placing its finances on the best known possible basis, that of the Every Member Canvass and Duplex Offering Envelope system. To these ends approximately 400 letters were sent out to the pastors of Synod, besides a circular letter to every Church Councilman of the Synod.

As to the results accomplished, we cannot so readily answer. We hope and pray that the seed sown may bear much fruit in the near future. We regret that several of the brethren chose to consider the letters sent out as prying into personal and congregational business, rather than as friendly efforts to assist in the work of the Kingdom.

Recently the Committee met in Omaha, at which time plans were made looking toward more progressive work during the coming year. To that end we wish to offer the following resolution:

"That the Pastors of those congregations which are not yet using the Every Member Canvass and Weekly Duplex Offering Envelope systems earnestly endeavor to introduce such systems into their congregations during the coming Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FRANKLIN KOCH, Chairman.

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

This Committee should have made its final report at the last session of Synod, but failed to do so. We, therefore, now submit the following:

Your Committee was actively in charge of the campaign for funds for Midland College up to the time of the resignation of Dr. S. H. Yerian, our Campaign Manager, whose resignation took effect July 1, 1920. On July 8, 1920, we voted to turn over to the Board of Directors of Midland College, all the cash, securities and subscriptions secured to date, for further administration by said Board. The Midland College Board of Directors, through their Executive Committee, accepted the funds tendered them, as well as the responsibility of conducting the campaign of raising funds for the Institution, asking only of our Committee that we co-operate with them until the full amount of the funds to secure the removal of the College would be pledged.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midland College on June 7th, 1921, a new committee of the Board was created to whom was committed the full management of the raising of funds, thus assuming in full, the responsibility laid upon our Committee by this Synod, in the spring of 1919. We, therefore, ask to be discontinued in the regular order.

We would report that the total amount subscribed to July 8th, 1920, was \$242,799.00. Cash paid in to date \$84,331.01.

R. B. WELLER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

The name of Elmer Kahl which appears in the Protocol is omitted from the Synodical Roll.

The minutes of the two meetings of the Executive Committee, November 5, 1920, and April 21, 1921 do not appear in the printed minutes.

Dr. Knubel's name is misspelled in Exhibit G, line 31.

The motion which ordered that the report of the committee on irregularities in Grace Church, Omaha, is omitted from the proceedings of Friday evening.

The report of the Committee on Irregularities in Grace Church, Omaha, is omitted from the Exhibits.

All of the other Exhibits appear on the printed minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. Ebright, Chairman.

EXHIBIT J.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

The four months in office of the present Synodical Sunday School Secretary is not as we would like, owing to the lack of information as to what has been done or the program planned. We had not facts as to the condition of the schools of the Synod, and the same seems impossible to get, and thus, we were left to work out our own salvation. And thus, this report will not contain so much that has been done by your secretary but more that which has been accomplished by the schools.

There are fifty schools in a Synod; thirty-nine have returned the questionnaire filled in.

The total enrollment is 4,108. The largest enrollment is found in Kountze Memorial with 1,008; second at Grand Island with 270; and the average enrollment is 129.

Every school but five have cradle roll departments. The total enrollment in the cradle department is 964. The largest cradle roll is in Kountze Memorial with 175; the second at Emerson at 85; the average cradle roll is 31.

But twelve schools have home departments. The total

membership is 414; the largest home department is at Emerson with 196; second, at North Platte with 70; the average, 31.

Many of the schools do not seem to appreciate the value of organization. There are only sixteen schools that have any organized classes. There are 43 organized classes in the Synod. One school, Ponca has all the classes organized; Fremont is second with seven organized classes.

Most of the schools have separate departments and graded work in the elementary division.

The workers' conferences are greatly neglected. Only ten schools have workers' conferences. And three of them half-heartedly. It seems to me we are neglecting one of the vitals.

The average attendance was three-fourths the enrollment. Only three schools have no enrollment at all (according to reports). Ninety-two and a half per cent of the officers and teachers attend the church service. Twenty-one schools have a perfect record on this point, while seventy-one per cent of church councils (of schools reporting on this point) attend Sunday School. Of these, one school has four out of its five councilmen regularly at Sunday School. Only fifty-one per cent of Sunday School scholars stay for worship. This is astonishing.

Lutheran Literature is used exclusively in all schools but four, and they use mostly the literature of our church.

Eleven schools have teachers' training classes. No wonder the reports are no better.

The offering for Synodical Sunday School work is reported to be \$954.67, of this the treasurer has informed me none has arrived at his office. The expense for the past four months is \$7.25.

Recommendations:

First. That a synodical paper be published each month, it being essential to the greatest efficiency in the schools and congregations of the Synod.

Second. That the pastors and workers lay a special emphasis on the workers' conference and teacher training in their local fields.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. POWELL,

Synodical Sunday School Secretary.

EXHIBIT K.**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINSTERIAL EDUCATION.**

The Nebraska Synod continues its good work of helping to prepare young men for the grand and glorious calling of the Gospel Ministry. Five young men have been assisted during the last year, one in the Seminary and four in the College. These young men have been doing good work. Their grades show that they have come up to the standard that Synod requires. In their applications for aid for the next year they have answered all the questions and given references for the guarantors. We corresponded with the references and find the guarantors all right. Seven ask for aid this year.

Alfred Frank is now a Middler in the Western Theological Seminary. He did good work in supplying the Church in Emerson during the summer. He asks for two hundred dollars for the coming year. We recommend that he be granted that amount.

Alfred Young is now a Senior in Midland College. He attended the summer school at Midland this last summer, trying to shorten his school days one year. He asks for \$250.00 for the next year. We recommend that he be granted \$200.00.

Max Harder applies to us for aid. He is now a Senior in Midland College. He has cared for himself financially thus far and is to be commended for it. He feels that he must have some help now and asks for \$175.00 for the year. We recommend that he be granted that amount.

Walter Voss is now a junior in Midland College. He asks for \$175.00 for the year. We recommend that he be granted that amount.

Henry Dumler is now a Sophomore in Midland College. He asks for \$175.00 for the year. We recommend that he be granted that amount.

Laurence Mortensen is classed as a Sophomore in Midland College. On account of a serious operation last spring he was not able to complete the work of the second semester. He was not physically able to do manual labor during the summer, but attended the summer school at Midland. He was able to make up seven and one-half credits of the thirteen credits he missed. He asks for \$300.00 this year. We recommend that he be granted \$300.00.

Henry Scherer has entered the Freshman class at Midland

College. He believes that he is called to the ministry and needs our assistance. He asks for \$200.00. We recommend that he be granted \$175.00.

Paul White, who is a Sophomore in Midland College asks for \$175.00 for the year. We recommend that he be granted that amount, providing his application meets with the approval of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

In January, 1921, James C. Mortensen paid back to Synod the amount of \$375.00 plus the interest. He had received aid several years ago, then went to teaching and has continued in that work.

In September, 1921, Earl A. Byers paid back to Synod the amount of \$150.00 plus the interest. He is now teaching in Roanoke College.

There are others who will need urging to do likewise.

Your Committee believes that it does not have as close contact with the beneficiaries as it should have. Too much is done through correspondence and that is not always the most satisfactory. The Pastors' and Students' Conference at Midland College last April opened the way for the Committee and these young men to meet each other face to face. A short conference was thus held and we believe it should be continued. Better results will grow out of this.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER.

EXHIBIT L.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee would beg to report as follows:

We attended a meeting of the Board in November, at which time the Superintendent, Rev. J. McCullough, handed in his resignation. The Board accepted the same and in his place elected Rev. P. H. Stahl Superintendent, who now is in charge of the orphanage.

The financial condition of the institution at the resignation of Rev. McCullough was in good condition.

At the present time there are thirty-two children in the home, and another one will be here by the time of this report.

During the year seven were dismissed to relatives and friends, and seven were received. There are twenty-nine in our

school and two are going to high school. Our teacher this year is Miss Gertrude Tulle and she is doing splendid work. She has taken special training in the Mother House in Baltimore.

The farm and truck did fairly well considering the dry weather.

The working force at the present time consists of Superintendent, Matron, Seamstress, Teacher, Cook and Farmer. We have had a very good farmer this year.

The following is a brief financial report:

Balance on hand in the general fund, September 9, \$865.00, money available in building fund over \$5,000.00. There is also in the general fund in Liberty Bonds \$1100.00, and five shares in bank stock. Our greatest need at the present time is more room. We are crowded so that satisfactory work can not be done as it ought to be. We ought to have by all means a fund of \$50,000.00 with which to build two cottages and a central heating plant and make other improvements. That would enlarge the orphanage so that we could take care of the needs of the present time. Since the first of September we have had nine applications, four of which are our own Lutheran children but we are filled up and it seems impossible to think that the Church would continue to turn them away much longer. The work is moving along very nicely and we feel very grateful for the splendid support that has been coming from many churches. We have very much appreciated the support that has come from your body and we feel very sorry that the change of territory in regard to Nachusa and Tabitha will take your support from us. We bear the thanks of the Board to the Nebraska Synod from the Nachusa Orphanage.

E. BOLLMAN,

Director of Board from Nebraska.

EXHIBIT M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on Constitution calls attention to a typographical error in Article 4, Section 2-B, page 67 of printed minutes where the term "See line 441" should be omitted and the word "its" inserted.

We offer the following amendments to the Constitution:

1. That wherever the term "Sunday School" occurs in the

Constitution that term be changed to "Church School" to conform to the terms now used by the Boards.

2. That Article VI, Section 1, Item B, be amended by striking out the words "sign this Constitution prior to admission into membership" and substituting the words, "receive a copy of this Constitution and shall submit in writing, prior to his admission to membership, a statement of his willingness to comply with its provisions."

The Committee on Constitution hereby submits the following amendment to the By-Laws of Synod:

The Committee on Ministerial Education may grant aid from the ministerial education funds to suitable and worthy young women of the Nebraska Synod who desire to fit themselves through regular channels of the United Lutheran Church for foreign mission work under the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, or for such home service as comes under the Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church, and who may need financial assistance in taking up and completing the course of training required by the United Lutheran Church through its Boards. The aid shall be in such sums as may be deemed possible and advisable by the Committee on Ministerial Education, provided that the maximum does not exceed the maximum amounts paid to young men for the ministry. The Committee shall duly investigate the motives, merits and general qualifications of applicants and make safe provision for the use and repayment of such funds similar to those governing men studying for the ministry and arrange all other necessary details in the carrying out of these provisions for the aid of young women.

W. F. RANGELER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT N.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

President's Report.

Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. Ralph Livers, Rev. E. Bollman, Mr. Henry Andresen.

Conference Minutes and Reports.

1. North Platte Conference—Rev. W. H. Saeger, Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Mr. John Petring.

2. South Platte Conference—Rev. Lauritz Ries, Rev. Geo. Mortensen, Rev. W. A. Klink, Mr. August Hecker.

Leave of Absence.

Rev. A. A. Marohn, Rev. John Hershey, Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Mr. M. D. Willert.

Letters and Papers.

Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., Rev. R. M. Badger, Rev. Clark S. Powell, Mr. H. A. Thielke.

Resolutions.

Rev. A. K. Walborn, Rev. Ralph Weismiller, Rev. Klaus de Freese, Mr. Fred Willman.

Apportionment.

Rev. O. A. Ebright, Rev. J. H. Utesch, Rev. Ralph Rangeler, Mr. Geo. Haase.

Claims and Pooling Expenses.

Rev. C. F. Koch, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, J. H. Miller, M. D.

New Congregations.

Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., Rev. G. B. Weaver, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Mr. H. E. Sorensen.

EXHIBIT O.**REPORT OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

The Second Convention of the United Lutheran Church was held at Washington, D. C., October 19-27, 1921. Our Synod was represented at this convention by the following delegates: Reverends C. B. Harman, C. H. Lewis, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, G. B. Weaver, R. W. Livers and Messrs. M. G. Leamer, G. F. Overbeck, W. D. Morton, S. H. Wassum and J. H. Humpe.

Fittingly preparatory to the opening of Synod, the Holy Communion was administered on Tuesday evening to the delegates and visitors by the officers of the United Church, assisted by the clerical members of the Executive Board. The sermon was preached by Dr. F. H. Knubel, from the text, Acts 25:27, "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve," the well chosen theme being "The Catholicity of Lutheranism." It was a strong, timely and uplifting sermon, sounding clearly the keynote of the Convention and presenting a true exposition of the doctrinal and practical outstanding points of our beloved Church.

The Convention assembled next morning for business promptly at the hour set for the purpose, being opened by the President in a dignified manner in the use of the Order for the Opening of Synods, and the great sessions were declared

formally begun. The reports of the officers were read in proper order and the election of the officers for the ensuing bi-ennium naturally following. The report of the President was justly termed a "clear and concise analysis of the Church's condition and a scripture statement concerning her three-fold mission." It is indeed a remarkable document, and will go down in the history of American Lutheranism among the greatest treatises of our great church.

The former officers were all re-elected, complimentary to their splendid service to the Church during the past, and first two years of our merged Lutheran body. President Knubel accepted the compliment in his characteristic humble and impressive manner and conducted the affairs of the convention with a master hand in love and devotion to the interest of the entire Church, without fear of any and with favor to none. The special resolution passed by unanimous vote during the closing hour of the convention expresses the conviction of every one of our delegates—"That we express to the President our appreciation of the wisdom, kindliness and Christian fairness with which he has conducted this convention." By his unmistakable attitude toward every delegate, every Synod and every interest of the entire Lutheran Church, we sure sat around him and under the sway of the scepter he wielded with restful confidence and security throughout the convention. With such despatch and tactfulness were the sessions conducted that the closing time came nearly two days ahead of the schedule.

As every pastor has had the minutes of the convention, having no doubt carefully scanned those weighty pages and presented the substance of his reading to his congregation, we pass to present only a few of the things done during those days, the things that either endorse what we have already acted upon as a Synod, what should receive our attention at this time, or what will be of special interest to the people of our Synod.

The reports of all our General Boards were in the main gratifying. How greatly the merger has enlarged and strengthened our Lutheran forces, not only in our beloved country but in our great work of world evangelization. We are now a body with a strong work in all the great countries of the world, with a force of workmen combined into strong and efficient organizations, which are encouraged by the confidence and support of our great American body. This new uniting and co-operating

have secured the active co-operation of the United Danish Lutheran Church in Japan and the Augustana Synod in all our Foreign Mission work. The great burden of the Church seemed to be the deplorable condition of our own people in South America. The work of this country was given over to our Foreign Mission Board, recommending immediate consideration and action. Recent reports have indicated that progress has been made under this changed administration.

The pleasing part of the report and disposition of the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was that it finally carried to move the headquarters of this Board from York, Pennsylvania to Chicago, Illinois. This is the first public answer to the suspicion that the administration of the affairs of our church have been unfair to the West. The leading men of our Church in the East have been making personal survey of our mighty West, and have consequently, become the foremost champions of our great cause. In the interest of the missionary and educational work of the Church, it was unanimously voted to send representatives of these two Boards and President Knobel to make an extended survey of our western country, and particularly of the western coast. The Lutheran has informed us of the fact that this trip has been made. We would call your attention, too, to the fact that the Northwestern Board of Home Missions have full control of all German Missionary operations.

In connection with the report of the Board of Education some strong and evidently organized contention arose relative to our Educational interests and the support that should be given by the United Church. It developed that an effort had been planned to transfer some of the Missionary funds of the Northwestern Board to educational purposes in our state. The final action taken on this point was that no missionary money of any Synod should be used for educational purposes. It is furthermore to be noted that the evident policy of our Board is to throw the responsibility of each of our educational institutions upon the Synods on whose territory it is located, and thus eventually remove the appropriation from the Church at large. The four Synods represented on the Board of Trustees of Midland College should prepare for this coming change. Special mention was made of the removal of our Midland College in the following sentence in the Board's report: "After a careful canvass of the entire situation from every standpoint

possible the Board would express its confidence in the wisdom of this action by the Trustees of the College." The inauguration of a definite campaign to secure men for the ministry was heartily and solemnly endorsed. Our Church and Parish School and the various congregations of our entire Church have been earnestly called upon to co-operate in this campaign. In the part of their report definitely relating to this, seven objectives are recommended, the last one being that in our combined efforts we endeavor to enlist at least FIVE HUNDRED YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY in these two years. Pastors and professors will find the items referred to on page 265, minutes of the 1920 convention. The Day of Prayer for Colleges in February and Vocational Day in May are to be observed throughout our Church, in such manner as will best forward the cause of Christian Education and awaken our people to the urgent call of the Church to her own sons to fill the vacant ranks in her own ministry.

Our Church and Parish School has become a permanent and important department in our Church activities. The great feature encouraged in connection with this has been the arrangement of a strong Lutheran Course of Lessons for the school on Sunday, and co-ordinating with this a definite week-day curriculum. Both of these features of this department should receive the most serious attention of every one of our pastors and congregations. The Luther League of America was adopted as a child of our Church and made the official organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, "for the co-ordination and stimulation of its young peoples' societies, and that said society will strive to conform their organization along Synodical lines". To the Lutheran Brotherhood was committed the special responsibility of the organizing of study classes for men to study the principles of Christian stewardship, and of the co-operating in the educational work of the Church in College and University centers, and the aiding of needy students for the ministry, and of the working with the boys in our Churches to induce them to enter the ministry.

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ever hold in the history of our American Lutheranism. It was an outstanding day among the great days of this Convention, an epoch making day, a veritable day of Pentecost in this inspirational, impressive Convention. Clergymen and laymen sat unwearied and at full attention during the hours of this presentation, feeling most profoundly the powerful presence of the Triune God. There were naturally differences at other times during the convention, but here we were as one, absolutely one, in faith and doctrine. Little does it matter if in the result of our mighty merger, we must sacrifice a few favorite hymns, a few favorite chant settings, some so-called union services with other denominations, if we can thereby become a fitting part of a great body united by a document of such character. It has gathered up all the great things of the past for which our fathers have successfully contended, and having passed them through the minds and hearts of the most intelligent and pious church men of our times, gathering strength and power through the pruning and enlargement it has necessarily received as it has thus been fitted into its new environment, it has been emblazoned on the world screen before the eyes of all Christendom without a solitary foe to rise to find fault with it. Surely it is of God, and we must be grateful beyond expression to call it ours.

We have the following recommendations to offer:

First. That this Synod is profoundly grateful for the great progress of our United Lutheran Church in America during the first two years of its history, and for the harmony that has prevailed in the work involved in the merging of our interests and our operations

Second. That we have received with gratitude the evidence that our western work and needs are receiving due consideration and care of our United Lutheran Church as a body. And that our United Lutheran Church is truly American in dimensions and in spirit.

Third. That we pledge ourselves to adopt the new things authorized by the United Church as soon as and as fast as seems expedient to do so, and that the important objects assumed by the last Convention receive our heartiest and actual consideration.

Fourth. That for the delegates of our Synod to all future sessions of the United Lutheran Church in America, the following be a standing rule of our Synod. That we expect our dele-

gates to the United Lutheran Church to attend all the sessions of the convention to which they were elected delegates, and that they shall not be paid their expenses unless they do attend the sessions of the Convention, unless providentially prevented.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN,

Chairman of Delegation.

EXHIBIT Q.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee has examined the report of the President, the Rev. Dr. O. D. Baltzly, covering his work for this body the past year. We wish to commend the faithful and careful manner in which he has performed all regular and special duties devolving upon him. In regard to the recommendations made in his report, your committee would recommend their favorable adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. GUSS, Chairman.

EXHIBIT R.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES AND ABSENTEES.

We recommend that the following pastors and lay delegates be excused from the entire session of the Synod:

J. F. Kuhlman, L. L. Lipe, A. T. Ludwig, E. Lee Fleck, S. L. Keller, K. de Freese, Elmer Kahl, William Klink, J. Hershey, R. A. Helms, I. S. Biesel, W. J. Hendy.

And also recommend that the following be excused for part of the time:

H. E. Sorensen and Fred Kahrs.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFONSE A. MAROHN

WM. HOFFMAN

M. D. WILLERT

EXHIBIT S.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee has in its hands a letter of transfer of the Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church at Gretna, Nebraska, from the German Evangelical Lutheran Nebraska Synod to the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. Your committee has examined the constitution and find it in harmony with the constitution of our Synod.

We recommend first that the congregation be received and placed on the roll of our Synod.

(2). That the congregation be asked to adopt a constitution based on the model constitution of the United Lutheran Church of America and present such a constitution to the next annual convention.

Signed:

CARL G. AUE.

G. B. WEAVER.

H. L. GREENAWALT.

Grand Island, Nebraska, May 26, 1921.

This certifies that the Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church at Gretna, Nebraska, upon its own request, is honorably dismissed from the German Evangelical Lutheran Nebraska Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

GUSTAV H. MICHELMANN, Pres.

EXHIBIT T.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

The Committee on Letters and Papers reports as follows:

The following letters have been referred to this committee:

A communication from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Allen, Nebraska, regarding the death of G. W. Livers.

This letter was read and referred to the historian of Synod. A letter from the late Rev. W. F. Eyster, who passed away near his ninety-ninth year, was read and referred to the historian of Synod.

A letter concerning the conditions in the Eagle Church was referred to the Executive Committee of Synod.

A letter from Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, containing an interesting history and written in view of the Fiftieth Anniversary Service held at this meeting of the Synod, was referred to the Historian of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER.

EXHIBIT U.**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND POOLING EXPENSES.**

Your Committee on Pooling finds that the average railroad fare one way, of those reporting, is five dollars and forty-five cents.

The following men are entitled to rebate on their railroad expenses, providing they remain until the close of Synod:

Rev. C. S. Powell.....	\$ 3.92
Mr. W. H. Newcomer.....	3.92
Rev. G. B. Weaver.....	6.12
Rev. E. C. Mortensen.....	4.22
Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.....	13.28
Rev. C. F. Koch.....	11.24
Rev. R. M. Badger.....	1.56
Rev. H. W. Saeger.....	10.14
Mr. John Petring.....	1.00
Rev. William Hoffman.....	7.60
Rev. R. A. White.....	1.06
J. H. Miller, M. D.....	2.02

The following claims were also allowed:

Rev. C. S. Powell, postage.....	\$.50
Rev. R. A. White, Historian.....	4.50
Rev. G. B. Weaver, Statistical Secretary.....	7.55
Rev. C. F. Koch, postage.....	5.00

C. FRANKLIN KOCH, Chairman.

EXHIBIT V.**REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

The general consensus of opinion among our pastors is that the church is growing greater and more influential. In nearly every case conditions are denoted as being much better than previously; some as much as fifty per cent, and this is noteworthy, in that it applies primarily to the country charges. In no case has the duty of administering the Sacraments been omitted, save in the vacant pastorates. The minimum in Communion being four a year; the maximum six.

A great increase in baptisms is noticeable. It seems several transitions have been made from either the German or Swedish Church to our English-speaking churches and there is

a showing that this year has been a harvest season in many localities.

Financial depression has affected every church, but, generally speaking, all have weathered the storm and broken even. Some have been able to formulate plans for church edifices and homes and are eagerly anticipating their completion.

Benevolences have come up to par. Family altars are noticeably lacking. The opinion has been proffered that this is not a "praying age", also that "the family bible of today poses as a dust covered ornament on the parlor table". Some of the charges of our church lack the young people to constitute a Luther League, which is, indeed, deplorable. Those so fortunate as to have an organization commend the enthusiasm shown therein.

As to church attendance, we glean the following: "A number of weather Christians", "increase of twenty-five per cent over last year", average attendance, "good morning service, but delinquent in evening". With two exceptions, every pastor has a Sunday School. A general lack of good Sunday School teachers is depicted, and in some instances, while the children attend well, adults absent themselves.

More stress should be laid on the child remaining for church and the co-ordination of the two services be urged for young and old.

Few discouragements have been submitted. One of our number suggests that we rather call them difficulties. Because of the wide range of territory in some instances, it is difficult to confer easily with all one's members. Indifference, Sunday amusements and the ever enticing automobile detract.

There is negligence among the members in subscribing for "The Lutheran". Along the line of encouragements are plans for improving the church property, the Boy Scout organizations, Young Ladies' Guilds, and in most instances interest taken in the Luther League, which tend to bind together our young people who will in time become spokes in the big wheel of Lutheranism.

General harmony among pastors and people is a commendable fact.

Brotherhoods and Missionary Societies in most cases are lifting the pastor's burdens and duties. Sunday Schools and Auxiliaries in nearly every case use Lutheran literature. Upon the whole, the outlook is bright.

Let us pull together for one hundred per cent Lutheranism on the part of pastor and people in the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT A. HELMS, Chairman.

EXHIBIT W.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE.

The Adjudication Committee would report that there were no matters referred to this committee during this Synodical year, and, therefore, no meetings of the committee have been held.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. RANGELER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT X.

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST.

The Necrologist reports the death of four of our ministers, and the wife of one of our ministers.

1. Rev. Henry Heiner was born in Redbud, Illinois, January 6, 1855, and died at Mena, Arkansas, January 7, 1921, aged 55 years and one day.

He studied at the Pro-Seminary, Elmhurst, Illinois, and at Eden College, St. Louis, Missouri. In 1879 he was ordained by the German Evangelical Synod of North America. He served charges at Steinauer and Lincoln, Nebraska. He was received as a member of our Synod in 1906.

His life work was the founding, building up and superintending Tabitha Home. He began his great life work for the orphans and helpless aged in 1886, and saw the Home grow from a piece of raw prairie with an old shack to a splendid institution, with three good buildings, surrounded with large trees, beautiful lawn and good orchard. During his incumbency nearly two thousand inmates were cared for.

Brother Heiner was a man of deep sympathy, kind, courteous, patient, gentle and forgiving. Tabitha Home now lives in the Lutheran Church and will stand as a monument of a self denial that has but few parallels and no superiors.

2. Rev. William Franklin Eyster, D. D., L. L. D., was born January 20, 1822, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and died at Crete, Nebraska, June 18, 1921, aged 99 years, four months and twenty-eight days.

Dr. Eyster entered Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, at the age of twelve, graduated in 1839, and two years later graduated in the Theological Seminary, entering the ministry the same year, 1841. He served congregations in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He was Principal of Hagerstown Female Seminary and for eight years was the English Professor in Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. In Nebraska he supplied congregations at Waverly and Roca.

Dr. Eyster, in addition to being a man of unusual mental endowment, was a man of very gentle and lovable spirit. He had the distinction of being the oldest alumnus of Pennsylvania College, and as far as known, the oldest in the United States, and possibly of the entire world. He was in the ministry for eighty years. Last January he celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday, and looked forward with hopeful anticipation of reaching the century mark. But God, in His wise Providence, ruled otherwise. He rests from his labors, and enjoys the reward of a useful life.

2. Rev. Isaac Newton Augustine was born in Sommerset County, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1833, and died in Grand Island, Nebraska, July 2, 1921, aged 88 years four months and twenty-three days.

He received his training for the ministry in Wittenberg College and Susquehanna University. He entered the ministry in 1861, and served charges in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois and Nebraska. His work in Nebraska was largely of the pioneer kind. He preached in Thayer and Wheeler Counties. He succeeded in building a church at Ericson. He served at Wolbach. He supplied the English Lutheran Church at Grand Island one year, at a very critical time.

Brother Augustine was a man of fervent piety, earnest consecration and not afraid of self denying work. He rests from his labors and his works follow him.

4. Rev. George Wesley Livers was born near Waterville, Kansas, February 6, 1875, and died at his home in Allen, Nebraska, August 24, 1921, aged 46 years, six months and eighteen days. He graduated in Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, and entered the ministry in 1899. He had the pleasure of being ordained in his home church in Waterville, Kansas. He served charges in Greenleaf, Kansas, Benedict and Allen, Nebraska. He came into our Synod in 1903, and served continuously in the pastorate for more than eighteen years, be-

ing second in the length of time of such service in our Synod. He served as the Synod's secretary and statistical secretary. He served as trustee of Midland College twelve consecutive years and was secretary of that Board at the time of his death.

The death of Brother Livers is a direct loss to the working force of our Synod. He was taken from us in the midst of a large career of usefulness. We bear witness to his Christian character, his faithfulness as a minister and his fidelity to duty.

5. In the early part of the year Brother Livers was sorely bereaved in the loss of his beloved wife, who preceded him a few months to the Better Land. His children have thus suffered a double bereavement in the loss of both parents. Sister Livers was a true helpmeet to her husband, being very much interested in his work, and helpful to the same.

Resolved, That while we feel keenly the loss of these departed ones, we humbly submit to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathies to the families of the deceased, and that we pray that the pains of their bereavement may be softened, and these deep sorrows be overruled for their good. And that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to inform them of this action.

Resolved, That this report be adopted by the rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NECROLOGIST.

Since coming to the Synod we have learned with sorrow of the death of the beloved wife of Rev. Klaus de Freese.

Resolved, That we most heartily sympathize with our dear Brother, and we pray that he may experience the comforts of the precious Gospel that he has used to comfort others.

Resolved, That we wish him all that is expressed in Psalm 20: 1-2.

Resolved, That we pray that the precious little one left to him may be a great comfort to the bereaved father.

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

EXHIBIT Y.

NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

Your committee beg to report that, having examined the

minutes of the North Platte Conference, we find nothing therein demanding attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. SAEGER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT Z.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on resolutions submits the following:

In view of the great tendency towards worldliness, and ungodliness of the present day conditions manifested in various forms, but especially evident in the commercializing of the Lord's Day, in the problems incident to the financial stress, and in the general uncertainty in men's minds, also at the same time the universal hungering for the Spirit and word of God, which the Church alone can give, that as pastors and people we accept the challenge in God's Name and Strength speak our message in no uncertain terms, since we know that only in the receiving and living of the Word can this challenge be successfully met.

2. Since the need of larger numbers of men for the ministry is so urgent, be it resolved that we impress upon our congregations the necessity of supplying recruits for our colleges and seminaries.

Every well ordered congregation consists of both pastor and people. Should a congregation demand the services of a pastor which some other congregation has given when it itself has never sent a single minister into the Lord's Vineyard?

Resolved, That we learn of the work and problems of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary with deep interest and concern.

(1). We heartily commend the College for their insistence on high standards of work and credits.

(2). We commend and support the Faculty in its stand against questionable amusements.

(3). We assure the Faculty and Board of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary of our full support in their financial problems and hereby state that:

(a). Our pulpits are open for the presentation of the work and needs of the institution;

(b). That we urge upon our people the hearty support of the institution in all its interests;

(c). That a special day be given the College and Seminary annually by each of our congregations for their work and that a special offering be taken.

The first Sunday in May has been suggested for this purpose.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty thanks to the pastor and wife and people of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wayne for the kind reception and royal entertainment they have given us, and the choir for their excellent music, and that we wish them God's blessings in their future work.

Resolved, That these words of appreciation be conveyed to the people by the pastor at the first opportunity.

Resolved, That all resolutions and recommendations passed by this Synod shall be read to every congregation by the pastor as soon as the printed minutes have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. WALBORN, Chairman.

AMENDMENT AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in view of the many pulpit supplies given by our Seminary Faculty and students, we kindly ask the Dean of the Western Seminary to report such supplies once a month to the President of Synod.

EXHIBIT AA.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have examined the minutes of the last meeting of the South Platte Conference, and find nothing that needs the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. MORTENSEN.

EXHIBIT AAA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER.

Your committee to which was referred the matter of Synodical paper would recommend:

1. That a Synodical paper be published monthly and that the subscription price be \$0.25 per year.
2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint an editor and business manager.
3. That Synod be granted \$200.00 from the apportionment to finance the paper.

4. That the Sunday School of each congregation be asked to subscribe for a sufficient number of copies to supply each family in the congregation.

CARL G. AUE.

C. S. POWELL.

A. E. HECKER.

EXHIBIT CC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee submits the following report, based on the budget of \$20,622.00 for the United Lutheran Church apportionment, and \$6,150.00 for the Synodical treasury, making a total of \$26,772.00

Our treasurer will divide the total receipts of apportionment as follows:

United Lutheran Church Treasury, 70 per cent.

The Synodical Treasury, 30 per cent.

He will apportion the Synodical funds as follows: Synodical Treasury 25 per cent, Synodical Missions 29 per cent, Ministerial Education 18 per cent, Tabitha Home 17 per cent, Seminary Contingent Fund 8 per cent, Synodical paper 3 per cent.

The apportionment is made considering the average of confirmed and communing members at the rate of \$3.25 per capita.

Allen.....	\$ 364.00	Hardy.....	
Auburn.....	179.00	St. Paul's.....	198.00
Beatrice.....	588.00	Jewel.....	88.00
Benedict.....		Homer.....	127.00
Zion.....	257.00	Hubbard.....	10.00
Bethel.....	88.00	Hooper.....	582.00
Bruning.....	114.00	Lincoln.....	879.00
Dakota City.....		McCool Junction.....	111.00
Emmanuel.....	23.00	Nebraska City.....	351.00
Salem.....	316.00	North Platte.....	1004.00
Davenport.....	413.00	Oakland.....	185.00
Eagle.....	101.00	Omaha.....	
Elmwood.....	65.00	Benson.....	455.00
Emerson.....	556.00	Grace.....	670.00
Falls City.....	595.00	Kountze.....	8404.00
Fremont.....	715.00	Redeemer.....	549.00
Grand Island.....	1108.00	St. Luke's.....	793.00
Gretna.....	423.00	St. Mark's.....	887.00
Hampton.....	241.00	Oshkosh.....	88.00
		Lewellen.....	91.00

Pawnee City-----	42.00	Stella -----	81.00
Paxton -----	299.00	Tekamah -----	166.00
Southerland -----	101.00	Verden -----	367.00
Ponca -----	530.00	Walton -----	309.00
Potter -----	81.00	Wayne -----	754.00
Rising City-----	276.00	West Point-----	1268.00
Sidney -----	81.00	Wilbur -----	137.00
Gurley -----	91.00	Walbach -----	390.00
South Sioux City----	172.00	Erickson -----	94.00
Stanford-----		York -----	302.00
Trinity -----	192.00		
Emmanuel -----	133.00		

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

EXHIBIT DD.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME.

Brethren of Nebraska Synod:

The Lord is mindful of His own, and He has not been unmindful of His little ones in Tabitha Home. The past year again manifest His Grace and Goodness.

In the aged department under the wise oversight of Sister Eva Witmeyer, the year found twenty-seven men and twenty-two women, twelve of whom were in need of almost constant care. At present time thirty-eight are in the department.

Sister Ida Klukert has mothered in the children's department twenty-one boys and twenty-four girls. Most of the children attend Hawthorne school six blocks away. One boy and two girls are in the Lincoln high school. Children's diseases have laid almost all of the little folks upon their beds the past year, yet we can state here that no death has occurred among the boys and girls since the Lutheran Church took over the Home.

Sister Christina Gleichert, who for twelve years served so faithfully her Christ in the ministry of Tabitha Home, is with us no more. We regret to say that a sad accident, injuring her left arm, has compelled her to return to the Mother House at Baltimore. We do not expect her back. We are informed that because of a scarcity of deaconesses, no deaconess is available for this important position, or any other place. To find the

right kind of helpers has been a difficulty also. There must not only be Christian willingness, but capability as well. If you know of such helpers, write to Rev. Ernest Walter.

The United Lutheran Church granted Tabitha Home an apportionment of \$20,000.00 per annum for this bi-ennium. It is expected that as soon as possible the local territory will maintain Tabitha without aid from the General Body. The territory assigned to Tabitha Home by the United Lutheran Church comprises the Synods of Iowa, the German and English Nebraska, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, California and the Central and Western Conferences of the Synod of the Northwest. At the present time only about 60 per cent of the apportionment levied is forthcoming, therefore we must depend upon the territory to support in a sufficient way the present needs, and to lay plans for a full support when the help of the General Body is no longer at hand. We are laying this burden upon your hearts and minds.

The Superintendent informs us that there has come through the office of Tabitha Home, fruit, provisions and new clothing to the amount of \$416.00, and money gifts of \$538.92 that may be directly attributed to the congregations of the Nebraska Synod. During the year 876 quarts of fruit were given. Much of the money was given at Christmas time. There is still great need of fruit and vegetables, except tomatoes. The Treasurer of Synod shows in his annual report that some \$1,022.11 passed through his hands for Tabitha. We bless the Lord that He is making you so mindful of His own in Tabitha.

The things needed mostly at the present time are as follows:

A separate building for the children, a new broom shop for our blind broom makers, a new poultry house and rather extensive repairs upon the main building. We have had to postpone these needed improvements again and again, but we are still looking for the time, the place and the man or woman to make them possible.

Brethren, continue to pray for Tabitha Home. We ask you to continue to show your love to the Lord Jesus Christ by your generous gifts and continued support of this Home of Mercy. Tabitha Home is worthy of all your love and sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPE.

EXHIBIT EE.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH
EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:

We take pleasure in presenting another year of missionary activity, and with sincere gratitude to God for the blessings that have attended our work, we beg leave to submit the following report:

The following churches received financial assistance during the past year: Omaha—Our Redeemer, Rev. K. de Freese, pastor; First Church, Rev. Oak Ebright, pastor; First Church, York, Rev. C. S. Powell, pastor; The Redeemer's Church, South Sioux City, and St. Paul's Church Homer, Rev. E. O. Wannagat, pastor; and The Church of the Resurrection, Gretna, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor.

In addition to the above churches, the Missionary Superintendent cared for the Sidney-Gurley parish and adjacent territory.

CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER—Rev. K. de Freese, pastor, organized in 1915.

In spite of the continued financial stringency, this congregation paid its interest bearing debt of \$1,350.00. In addition to this, the amount of \$300.00 was expended on church repairs. While the congregation has received the same appropriation as last year, it comes to Synod with its apportionment paid and a substantial cash balance in the treasury. The pastor and this faithful people deserve to be commended for their earnest efforts in effecting these permanent results. It is the hope of this congregation to become self-sustaining during this coming year.

While in the midst of this report we learned with great sorrow of the sudden death of the devoted wife of our good missionary. Words fail to express our sorrow and sympathy, but our prayers are that sustaining Grace be given our brother in this hour of deep grief.

FIRST CHURCH, OMAHA—Rev. Oak Ebright, pastor, organized 1907.

Under the efficient care of our pastor, this mission has made substantial progress during the past year. The congregation paid its final interest bearing debt of more than \$1,100.00, increased the pastor's salary \$400.00, paid the benevolence in

full and installed the new book of worship. Every organization in this church is in a prosperous condition, and the communicant membership shows a net gain of forty-three. Both pastor and people are greatly encouraged, and the future of this mission points toward a self-sustaining congregation very soon.

FIRST CHURCH, YORK—Rev. C. S. Powell, pastor, organized 1903.

The year's activity of this mission has justified the hope expressed in our report of a year ago. The accessions have been the largest in the history of this church. The attendance at church service is gratifying indeed. All financial obligations have been met in full, excepting a slight deficit in their benevolence. This congregation has in mind the erection of a commodious church, and as a means of raising necessary funds, installed the Jehoidah chest. We shall watch with interest the further development of this mission. It is our sincere hope that their intention of erecting a commodious house of worship may find much encouragement.

THE REDEEMER'S CHURCH, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Rev. E. O. Wannagat, pastor. Organized in 1920.

This mission, barely more than a year old, reports fifty-three communicant members. Up to June 15th, your Missionary Superintendent had charge of this mission. Since then Pastor Wannagat has been on the field and has gained the confidence and support of this community. As yet the congregation has no church property and is obliged to hold its services in a rented building; however, the room has a churchly appearance, having an altar, pews and every convenience for church services. The congregation contemplates the purchase of suitable lots for the erection of a church building. This new mission and its pastor merit the encouragement and support of this Synod.

ST. PAUL'S, HOMER. Organized in 1886.

This congregation has received the support of the Home Mission Board during the past year, and having been revived by our Missionary Superintendent, is now connected with the South Sioux City charge. Rev. Wannagat is serving this field and reports encouraging progress. We hope that in the near future this congregation may develop into an independent charge under the efficient leadership of the present pastor.

RESURRECTION CHURCH, GRETNA—Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor. Organized in 1910.

This congregation has come into our Synod under the leadership of the present pastor and is served in connection with the new field at Elkhorn. The church has a communicant membership of 125, and is located in a community ripe for the development of a strong Lutheran church. This people own a splendid church property. At present the pastor resides in South Omaha, but it is hoped that ere long a parsonage may be erected at Grätina, thus enabling our missionary to live nearer his work. We are assured that with the active and able leadership of Brother Schmidt, this congregation will develop into an influential Lutheran church.

TRINITY CHURCH, SIDNEY. Organized in 1886.

The condition of this congregation became such as to require the special attention of your committee. Your Missionary Superintendent has been asked to take charge of this field, and since June 15th, has served this field as regular pastor. After a complete cessation of church activity in this congregation the work has been revived. A church school has been organized and a renewed interest is taken in church attendance. Both church and parsonage have been repaired at an expense of \$300.00.

NEW WORK—A petition has reached the chairman of the board from the Wisner field, signed by thirty-nine persons, urging your committee to establish a congregation in their midst.

A communication reached you from Dixon desiring the services of your missionary in the establishing of a congregation in that place. These and a number of other places should receive attention, but owing to the lack of men and the necessary means, it is impossible for us to undertake more new work at this time.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer of your committee, Mr. R. B. Weller, herewith encloses his report duly audited and found correct by August Hecker and Mr. H. A. Thielke.

The vouchers covering money handled by him:

Balance on hand Oct. 5th, 1920.....	\$ 595.27
Received of J. H. Miller, Treas.....	1644.00
Received from the Gurley Church.....	60.00
Received from the Sidney Church.....	50.00
Total	\$2349.27

Disbursements per vouchers herewith.....	\$2039.53
Balance on hand per statement attached of	
U. S. National Bank, Omaha.....	309.74

Thanking the members of Synod for their loyal support and praying for God's continuous blessings upon our missions, and commending the self-sacrificing and faithful service of the missionaries and their families for the success that has been achieved during the past year, we are in behalf of the committee,

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE.

**All our efforts in the support of
orphans and aged helpless are
to be concentrated upon**

TABITHA HOME

Under the order of the Boards that each
district sustain its own institution.

Remember Tabitha With a Gift

REV. E. WALTER, Supt.

History of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

The credit for the beginning of the work of the Lutheran Church in Nebraska belongs to the Allegheny Synod of the United Lutheran Church. The Pittsburg Synod became an active home mission body, aiding between 1845 and 1867 no less than one hundred and twenty-three organizations. About the year 1857, the desirability of establishing mission work in the Territory of Nebraska was recognized by the Pittsburg Synod. But having on hand all the missionary work it could successfully care for, requested the neighboring Allegheny Synod to take up the Nebraska work.

Pioneers of Nebraska Work.

Accordingly the Allegheny Synod in its annual convention in October, 1857, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, took the following action:

"Resolved, That the Allegheny Synod establish a mission in Omaha City, Nebraska Territory.

"Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to carry this into effect as soon as possible.

"Resolved, That the missionary be appointed by all the officers of this society and the appropriation not to exceed \$500."

In accordance with this action, on October 15, 1858, Rev. H. W. Kuhns was extended a call by the Allegheny Synod as its missionary in Omaha. On November 2, 1858, Dr. Kuhns left his home in Pennsylvania and started to his work in the great West. He traveled by rail as far as railroads extended at that early day and came up the Missouri river in a steamboat, arriving at Omaha November 19. He was the first Lutheran minister to locate in Nebraska, and likely the first to set foot on its soil. Omaha at that time was a village of about 200 people. At once he began to look for Lutherans with which to begin a congregation. On Sunday, November 28, in the afternoon he preached in the Methodist church to a fair congregation of people he had gathered. This was his first sermon in his first charge.

The next Sunday, December 5, Dr. Kuhns again preached in the Methodist church, and organized a congregation with nine

members. This congregation was incorporated in the name of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church council consisted of Daniel Redman, Uriah Bruner, Augustus Kountze and Dr. Augustus Rorder. At the same meeting two persons were confirmed, and the next Sunday two more were received. This was the humble beginning of the great Lutheran work in Nebraska. In 1860 two lots on Douglas street were purchased. On one of these a parsonage was built in 1861, and a church building on the other was dedicated February 16, 1862. The congregation grew so rapidly that it assumed self support in 1864.

As Dr. Kuhns' commission was to Omaha and adjacent parts, his labors extended out over the Territory of Nebraska, and into parts of Wyoming, Dakota and Colorado Territories. He preached in school houses, town halls, private homes, wherever opportunity offered; traveling over the vast prairies when he had to go by compass in the absence of roads, and ford streams in the absence of bridges. When he left Omaha in 1871, there were but few communities in the state that he had not visited.

The following incident, told by himself, will illustrate the kind of work he often did: A letter from Pennsylvania informed him that the Stough boys were in Nebraska, and that he was to find them. Their address was Ponca. Not knowing where Ponca was, he learned from the postmaster that it was in the northeast part of the Territory among the Indians. One morning he started out on his pony from Omaha to find Ponca. The first day he went as far as Tekamah, the second day he reached Dakota City. On the third day he started out over a pathless prairie to find Ponca. After wandering around until night came on he lariatd his pony on the grass, made a pillow of his saddle and slept until morning. Looking around he saw a stake on which was written "Broadway:" on another "Trinity Square" and on others names of streets, &c. He had actually stayed in the town which was already laid out, and had arrived in advance of the houses. Down near the creek in the edge of the woods were several log houses. Here he found the Stough boys. In one of these cabins the Lutheran church was organized.

With many experiences of which the above is a sample, Dr. Kuhns prosecuted his work. At one time he had as many as twenty-five congregations and preaching stations under his care.

The following are some of the places where he organized congregations, or did the pioneer work where churches were organized: Tekamah, West Point, Fontenelle, Dakota City, Ponca, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Grand Island, North Platte and Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyoming. The second church which he built was in Dakota City, which is still standing. When he closed his work in Omaha, he had a membership of 250, which has developed into the great Kountze Memorial Church with more than 3000 confirmed members. Out of the same work we may say, has grown the other five English congregations of the United Lutheran Church.

Rev. J. F. Kuhlman

Up to 1864, Dr. Kuhns had no one to assist him in his ever increasing Nebraska work. That year a second pastor in the person of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman was sent out by the Allegheny Synod. He made a preliminary trip in June, preached in Immanuel Church, Omaha, went by stage to Fremont, walked to Fontenelle, nine miles distant, carrying his grip sack and wading through the Elkhorn river. Here he was entertained and helped in his work by Hon. Henry Sprick, who became noted in both church and state. He visited two German settlements near Fontenelle, and went on horseback to West Point and found the town deserted. Returning to Omaha, he was taken by Dr. Kuhns to Dakota City in a buggy. This trip proved interesting and novel to Rev. Kuhlman as the way was through the Indian reservation.

After returning to Pennsylvania, Rev. Kuhlman concluded to accept the Allegheny Synod's appointment to Nebraska. He left his Eastern home September 24, 1864, traveled from Pittsburg on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Hannibal, Missouri, thence to St. Joe on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, and the rest of the way to Omaha on the Missouri river, arriving the last of October. At once he took charge at Fontenelle, perfecting the organization and building a church. With great energy he extended his labors to other parts. He organized congregations at Logan Creek, Tekamah, a country church in Dakota County (Salem), West Point, two congregations in York County, which developed into the flourishing charge of Benedict. He perfected an organization in North Platte, and did pioneer work in Columbus, and other places where churches were developed. He

served congregations at Ponca, Roca, Sabetha (Kansas), Wilber, North Platte and Zion, Pawnee County. Being a native German, but educated in English, he was equally at home in both languages, hence some of the congregations he formed were German and some were English.

Rev. Samuel, Aughey, Ph. D., L. L. D.

In December, 1864, Dr. S. Aughey, commissioned by the Allegheny Synod, came to Nebraska, and located at Dakota City. He served this charge until 1871. During this time he brought the work to self-support, developed a good congregation, and built a church at Ponca, twenty miles away. He resigned this charge to accept a place in the University of Nebraska, as teacher of Natural Sciences. While Dr. Aughey was filling his place in the University at Lincoln, he went out on Sundays to the Pierce school house and preached. This work resulted in the organization of a Lutheran church in Waverly.

Rev. Eli Huber

As the work in this country was continually increasing, new men were necessary. In 1866, the Allegheny Synod sent out Rev. Eli Huber to Nebraska City. He established a congregation, built a church, and developed two other points in the country. He supplemented his meager salary by teaching school, and was elected Superintendent of the city schools of Nebraska City. After ten years of faithful service, he accepted a call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, leaving a strong self-supporting charge at Nebraska City.

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, D. D.

In 1867, the Allegheny Synod sent out Rev. J. G. Groenmiller. He was commissioned to work at a point in Atchinson County, Missouri. This county being in the corner of Missouri was contiguous to the Nebraska field, and had been canvassed by both Dr. Kuhns and Rev. J. F. Kuhlman. Dr. Groenmiller finding this point unpromising, transferred his activities to Rockport, the county seat, organized a congregation in 1868, and built a church in 1869. He extended his work to the Nebraska side of the Missouri river, and organized several congregations in Richardson County. For a while he made his

headquarters at Falls City. Afterward he located at Hanover, Kansas, near the state line, and here from a center, he established churches at Greenleaf, Kansas, Lanham and State Line. Though doing much work in English, much of it was in German, and resulted in establishing strong German congregations.

About 1870, a great change took place in General Synod Home Mission work. Up to this time each Synod had done its own work of this kind independently. The General Synod in 1869, at Washington, D. C., created a Board of Home Missions to have oversight of all home mission work. Each district synod transferred its missions to this Board. This brought all the Missions of Nebraska under this Board, and the Allegheny Synod that had done so much for Nebraska, from this time on worked through the Central Board.

ORGANIZATION AND PROGRESS OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD

About this time, the need of an organized synod on the Nebraska field was recognized. April 27, 1871, in response to a call for a convention of Lutheran ministers to consider the matter of organizing a synod, the following Lutheran ministers of the General Synod met in Omaha: Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, Dakota City; Rev. Samuel Aughey, Dakota City; Rev. G. A. R. Buetow, Fontenelle; Rev. G. H. N. Peters, Omaha; Rev. Ira C. Billman, Omaha.

Rev. J. F. Kuhlman was elected president and Ira C. Billman was elected secretary. After due deliberation the following action was unanimously taken:

"Resolved, That the ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod, at once secure dismissals from the synods to which they respectively belong for the purpose of organizing a synod in the bounds of their own territory."

A meeting was appointed for September, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution.

Accordingly the same ministers, with the addition of Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, making six in all, and three lay delegates met in Omaha and proceeded to organize the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. Rev. J. F. Kuhlman was chosen president, Rev. Ira C. Billman, secretary and John B. Detweiler, treasurer. Rev. Ira C. Billman, presented the Constitution of the Wittenburg Synod, which with a few changes was adopted.

Rev. Eli Huber presented his letter of dismission, and was received as the first accession to the new synod. Rev. G. A. R. Buetow was ordained at this convention. Of the original six that organized this synod, only one remains, Rev. J. F. Kuhlman. He resides at Pawnee City, and enjoys the sweet consciousness of the fact, that the labors of himself and those associated with him, in those "days of small things," was not in vain.

The next convention was to have met in Dakota City, September, 1872, but as there was not a quorum, only two ministers being present, the synod did not convene. Four visiting ministers were present: Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. A. A. Trimper, agent of Carthage College; Revs. Sparr and Reese from Iowa.

The second convention met in Fontenelle, Washington County, June 11, 1874, and it has met annually ever since. At this convention the first delegates to the General Synod were elected consisting of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, clerical, and John B. Detweiler, laity. Brother Detweiler did not go, so Rev. Kuhlman was the one lone representative of the Nebraska Synod at Baltimore in 1875.

Belonging to the pioneer period of the Synod, the names of Rev. W. A. Lipe, J. Zimmerman and G. H. Schurr, Sr., deserve honorable mention. The first served in Omaha, the second in Dakota City and the third in Ponca and Wayne.

The history of the Nebraska Synod may be divided into two periods. The first extending to 1891 with the English, German and Scandinavian elements working together. The second, the English element working separately.

Period first. The new synod began to grow at once. Every convention would report an increase of ministers, churches, and members. By 1880, the clerical roll had grown to 24; churches, 30; preaching stations, 20; members over 1300. A year later, there were 27 ministers, 35 congregations and 1784 members. By 1890 there were 78 ministers, 87 churches and 4000 members.

During this period the synod developed into a very polyglot body. There was a good sized German element, and an English element about the same, and quite a handsome Scandinavian element. Both German and English had equal rights on the floor of the synod. A president had to be chosen who understood and could use both of these languages. An Eng-

lish secretary and a German secretary had to be chosen, and all minutes and reports had to be made in both languages. Motions and speeches could be made in either at the will of the speaker. Later the Scandinavians urged the claims of their language, and a Scandinavian secretary was elected, and that branch began to figure with the rest. Sermons were preached during the evenings in German and English.

While the synod was small this plan worked satisfactorily. But when it grew the work became cumbersome, and a change was desirable. In 1888 the German conference passed an action, requesting the Synod to permit the German ministers to withdraw and organize a synod of their own, to be in connection with the General Synod—a peaceable separation. The English ministers were not favorable to a language division, but recognizing the fact that the synod was becoming a large body, and the question of entertainment was becoming difficult, they favored a division on territorial lines. Their plan was to divide into the Eastern and Western Nebraska Synods—the dividing line to be the First Guide Meridian West. After a long discussion at Rising City, in 1888, the Germans withdrew their request, and the English element did not press their plan, so the matter was dropped for a while.

A little later, however, the Germans insisted on organizing a German synod. The Synod in 1890 at Denver, Colorado, requested the German ministers to present the matter at the next convention, and in case a majority thought it advisable to organize a German synod, the Nebraska Synod would not oppose it. On the strength of this action, the German ministers who desired were granted letters of dismission, without waiting until the next session of synod. In 1891 the German Synod was organized, and since then the Nebraska Synod has been purely an English body. The same year the organization of the Rocky Mountain Synod took out nearly all the Scandinavian element.

The sessions of Synod during this period would be considered intolerably long. But little preliminary work was required to get ready for the conventions, and usually but little business was dispatched before the second or third day. The synod met on Tuesday evenings and often the work was not finished until the next Tuesday.

Period second. The territorial extent of the Nebraska Synod at first, reached out into Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, having congrega-

tions in all these states. The congregations in Missouri, Kansas and South Dakota, being German, went into the German Synod. The organization of the Rocky Mountain Synod in 1891 took everything in Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Since then the Nebraska Synod has been confined within the limits of the state.

The organization of these two synods reduced the Nebraska Synod to near the 2000 mark. Nevertheless she has made a large growth. Many of her first churches have become large and flourishing. Old primitive buildings have passed away, and larger and more modern churches take their places. Among these we may mention Ponca, West Point, Lincoln, Hardy, Davenport, Benedict and North Platte. With others, the original buildings have been enlarged, improved and made more modern. The most phenomenal growth of any of our churches has been the Kountze Memorial of Omaha. This church was originally the Immanuel Church on Douglas Street organized by Dr. Kuhns. It changed its location to 16th and Harney Streets about 1883, and as Augustus Kountze made a large donation toward the new building, the name was changed to Kountze Memorial. As business blocks built up around it, another change became necessary. During the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Hummon, a new location was secured, and the present large, commodious, churchly building was erected on Farnum and 26th Streets, and dedicated about 1904. Since then it has grown until it has a membership of more than 3000, and an enrollment in Sunday School of 850 regular scholars, and a cradle roll of 110. Last year she gave for benevolences \$9756. This church has had a large growth under the pastorate of Dr. O. D. Baltzly and his assistants, Revs. Koch, Shrader, Dorn and Weertz.

The Nebraska Synod is now about two and a half times the size in membership than it was when separated from the German and Rocky Mountain congregations. In 1920 she had 52 congregations, 49 ministers 9560 confirmed members and 12690 baptized members. She has 49 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 6628 scholars. Her total benevolences amounted to \$42295.

The Nebraska Synod and the two others that grew out of it have 159 ministers, 22890 confirmed members and 33993 baptized members.

These congregations have been gathered by various agen-

cies. Sometimes pastors have visited places outside their own pastorates, and preached with the result of the formation of new churches. The synod at times has employed Synodical Missionaries. In the earlier history, Revs. J. F. Kuhlman and J. C. Brodfuehrer were thus engaged, and did much good work. From 1887 to 1893 Rev. Conrad Huber served as Traveling Secretary. He did very much in developing new congregations, helping pastors and strengthening weak places. His work was under the supervision of a Traveling Secretary Committee of whom Dr. Luther M. Kuhns was the efficient Secretary. Since 1913 Rev. W. T. Kahse has served as Synodical Missionary, and has brought into existence several new congregations.

Almost identical with the history of the Nebraska Synod has been the work of the General Synod Board of Home Missions with headquarters at Baltimore, and the Board of Church Extension with headquarters at York, Pennsylvania. Most of the congregations have been helped by these Boards. Some owe their existence to them. When it is desirable to plant a church in any place, the Board of Home Missions helps to support the pastor and the Board of Church Extension helps to build the church.

The Board of Home Missions for many years had a Western Secretary to have general oversight of the missions on the Western field. Dr. S. B. Barnitz filled this place from 1881 to 1902, the time of his death. The Nebraska field was much benefited by the excellent work of this unusually talented man. Dr. Luther P. Ludden of our own Synod became his successor, and served until his death, January 7, 1915. Dr. Ludden did good work in the Home Mission field. Wherever he went his presence was an inspiration and help. His advice and suggestions were always practical. Many of the Western missions were given an additional impulse by his strong words. And many of the missionaries were cheered and encouraged by his visits.

The Board of Church Extension likewise had its representative in the field. The first of these was Dr. J. N. Lenker, who had been very successful in Home Mission work in Grand Island. He served the Board from 1886 to 1894. He was succeeded by Dr. H. L. Yarger, who served in this capacity until the two Boards were united in 1915, and served in the Home Mission department until he was recently called to his eternal reward. He is succeeded by Dr. J. F. Seibert, who now serves in the

district that includes our territory. These men have all rendered noble service in the Nebraska field.

We are fortunate in having two of the large United Lutheran Church institutions on our own territory, Midland College with the Western Theological Seminary, and Tabitha Home.

Midland College, ever since it was founded by the General Synod Board of Education in 1887, has been a power for good, and in connection with the Western Theological Seminary since its beginning in 1895, has been a constant source of supply of ministers for the Western field. Since being removed to Fremont, its power for good has been multiplied several fold. Already the church is feeling its influence. We all rejoice in the fine college that we have out at Fremont.

We have no less reason to rejoice that we have such a splendid Inner Mission as Tabitha Home. This home had a great history before it came into the Lutheran Church. Its idea was conceived and born in the mind of the late Rev. Henry Heiner, a pastor of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. He began his work in 1886, on a ten acre tract of raw prairie, on which there was an old shack, that had been occupied by cow boys. During 18 years of strenuous labor, he collected and expended \$161,740.48, cared for 1131 orphans, and 833 aged and infirm people, 1964 in all. When he left in 1905 there were three large buildings, the main one of which consisted of 90 rooms. These great results were achieved amid great difficulties and self-denial. 18 years of practically gratuitous work was given to humanity by Rev. and Mrs. Heiner. The Board of Directors had promised them the meager salary of \$50 per month. As the money was needed, Rev. Heiner drew little of what was promised, and finally waived all claim of salary. While he was sowing the good seed, the enemy was sowing tares. The home, like the man between Jerusalem and Jericho, who fell a victim of thieves and robbers, was beaten, not only half dead, but its enemies made strenuous efforts to finish up the job. There were priests (preachers) in great plenty to pass by on the other side, and there were many Levites (laymen) to pass by on the other side, but in 1906 our beloved Lutheran Church proved to be the Good Samaritan who raised up the victim, carried him to the Inn (the General Synod) and has nursed him back to his primitive vigorous condition.

When we look back 50 years ago to the day when six General Synod ministers and three laymen met in Emanuel Church,

Omaha, to organize the Nebraska Synod, and compare conditions then and now, we can but exclaim "What hath God wrought." Those fathers of our Church who toiled in the "days of small things" were men of faith and courage. What we have today is the result of their zeal and self denying work. We today, who have become their successors, would be unworthy of our mission if we should fail to build up the grand structure—the Church of the future on the foundation they so nobly laid. There is danger that those fathers be forgotten. We may be like King Ahasuarus, and let the Mordicai, who rendered valuable service to the King and the nation pass out of mind. I will here venture a suggestion that I would like the brethren to take into serious consideration. When new buildings are to be erected on the Midland College campus—buildings for the Theological Seminary or College, would it not be the proper thing to dedicate at least one to the memory of our Lutheran pioneers of Nebraska and adjacent states? Are not the names of Kuhns, Kuhlman, Groenmiller, McAfee and Dornblaser and many others worthy of being remembered? In some way we should show our appreciation of these early fathers.

Finally, at this 50th mile stone of organized existence, we can raise our Ebenezer, and say "Hitherto hath God helped us." We can look with confidence to the future and claim the divine promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

R. A. WHITE, Historian.

Read by the Historian at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Nebraska Synod, at Wayne, Nebraska, Oct. 12, 1921.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING
OF THE
Lutheran Brotherhood
of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod
OF NEBRASKA

Held at Wayne, Nebraska, October 11, 1921

The Annual Meeting of the Brotherhood of Nebraska Synod was called to order by Rev. Koch, who was appointed as chairman.

In the absence of the officers, Rev. C. F. Koch was made chairman pro tem and Rev. George Dorn secretary pro tem. There were about forty pastors and laymen present. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The chairman introduced Rev. E. G. Miller, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America, who gave a very interesting lecture on the operation and plan for Ministerial Relief, and explained the object of the endowment campaign which will be put on later. A general discussion of the subject followed.

It was unanimously resolved that the Brotherhood of the Lutheran Synod of Nebraska most heartily approve the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief and pledge our hearty co-operation in the promotion of the endowment campaign when it shall be authorized by the Executive Board.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska were read and approved. (See page 85.)

The election of officers then followed.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Dean W. E. Tilburg, of Fremont, for president, Mr. A. E. Hecker, of Hooper, for vice president, Mr. W. W. Frankfurt, of West Point, for secretary and Mr. H. E. Sorensen, of Omaha, for treasurer.

After prayer by Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., L. L. D., the meeting adjourned.

BROTHERHOOD BANQUET.

The annual Brotherhood banquet was held in the evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Wayne opera house. The ladies of the Synodical Women's Missionary Convention were invited to participate in the banquet and did so. After a splendid meal served by the ladies of Wayne, Rev. C. F. Koch, who had been chosen to act as toastmaster, called the assembly to order and introduced the following speakers:

Mr. H. C. Luckey of Lincoln, Dr. J. F. Krueger of Fremont, and Dr. E. E. Stauffer, president of Midland College. The meeting was largely attended and full of enthusiasm for the work of the church and its institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FRANKFURT, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod
of Nebraska.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America."

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Brotherhood shall be:

1. To cultivate a better acquaintance and fraternal fellowship among the men of the Lutheran Church.
2. To encourage weak churches in the prosecution of Christ's work.
3. To advance the interest of religion among the churches of the Synod.
4. To work under the direction of Synod in carrying out the Every Member Canvass as outlined by the United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1 (a). Any association of men which is actively identified with any Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Synod of Nebraska may become a member of this Brotherhood.

(b) Such association shall be entitled to representation in the Brotherhood by two laymen at its annual convention.

Section 2. Any layman or clergyman who is a communicant member, or the pastor of any Lutheran congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, who may not have any such men's organization and who declares himself to be in harmony with the objects of this Brotherhood, may become a member of this Brotherhood upon his application to the membership committee.

Section 3. Each association shall make an annual contribution of \$5.00.

Section 4. Pastors of congregations who have no men's associations, who may qualify under Section 3, shall not be required to make such annual contributions.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Brotherhood shall be: A President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, whose duties shall be those ordinarily performed by such officers. They shall be elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

Section 1. **Executive Committee.** This committee shall consist of the officers provided for under Article 4, and two others appointed by the president. Two members shall be pastors. The executive committee shall have full charge of the government of this brotherhood.

Section 2. The following shall be the **Standing Committees**, to be appointed by the president at the annual convention each year, or within fifteen days thereafter, by and with the advice of the executive committee: (a) Membership, (b) Press and Publicity, (c) Reference and Council, (d) Laymen's Missionary, (e) Every Member Canvass.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution and appended By-Laws may be amended at any regular convention of the Brotherhood by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present, but the written form of the proposed amendment must have been approved by the executive committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote at a regular meeting of the executive committee held any time prior to the convention.

BY-LAWS.

1. The secretary shall mail to all local congregational Brotherhoods, or individuals, as provided for in Article III, Sec. 2, notice of the regular or special convention of the Brotherhood at least ten days prior to the date of such convention.

2. Until otherwise provided by these By-Laws, the membership committee shall determine the form of application for membership.

3. Any question of parliamentary practice not decided by the Constitution and By-Laws shall be determined according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

4. **Order of Business**—Roll Call, Reception of Delegates, Reading of Minutes, General Business as arranged for by the Committee on Reference and Council, Election of Officers, Next Place of Convention, Adjournment.

Committee on Constitution: George Dorn, W. I. Guss.

(The above Constitution and By-Laws were adopted at Wayne, Nebraska, October 11, 1921.

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RECORD OF ATTAINMENT TO THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE IN THE Y.P.M.S.S. SOCIETIES.

PASTORATE	YEAR	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2907	2908	2909	2910	2911	2912	2913	2914	2915	2916	2917	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DISBURSEMENTS 1920-21

1930	General Fund	Special Fund	From Pledge and Subscriptions	From Pledge and Subscriptions	From Pledge and Subscriptions	TOTALS	RECAPITULATION 1930	Cash on hand Oct 1929	Receipts in 1930	TOTALS	Subscriptions	Balance
OG Mrs WT Mangrove	6.67						General Fund	135.00	782.00	3,843.00	885.00	254.00
Mrs. A. T. T. T. T.	133.00						Specialized Fund	62.50	81.60	1,635.00	118.00	13.00
CHS Mrs C. T. T. T.	1.80						Biennial Travel Fund	7.30	42.00	972.00	482.00	13.00
Mrs. C. B. T. T. T.	1.07						Synodical Travel Fund	1.50	1.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
Mrs. C. F. T. T. T.	2.75						Thank Offering	10.00	117.50	1,007.00	120.00	27.00
Mrs. H. C. T. T. T.	13.10						Christmas Offering		87.25	87.25	82.00	3.25
Delaware Dyer	7.70						May Memorial	2.00	46.25	53.25	53.00	2.00
Mrs. W. T. T. T. T.	8.17						Ohio Women in India		8.50	8.50		
Boston Building Co.	3.75						Guth School in India	2.50	6.50	28.00		
Mrs. L. A. Van Fleet	17.70						Zimbabwean in India	1.50	1.50	1.50		
Mrs. B. M. T. T. T. T.	3.30						Guth School in Africa	8.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	8.00
Mrs. R. M. T. T. T. T.	8.35.45						Church in Africa	6.00	6.00	6.00		
10-21 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	16.35						Guth School in Japan		9.00	9.00		
10-21 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	4.04						Bayl Windergarten in Japan	5.40	12.00	17.00	17.00	
4-23 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	1.00						Life Memberships	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
4-23 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.							In Memoriams	2.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	2.50
5-6 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	3.84						Self Denial	1.00	1.00	1.00		
Mrs. B. M. T. T. T. T.	5.00						Home Missions		10.00	10.00		
Mrs. R. M. T. T. T. T.	6.50						Support of Linn. M. S.	3.50	3.50	3.50		
10-21 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	34.10						" Mrs. Brown	3.00	3.00	3.00		
10-21 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	53.25						" Miss Dyer	2.00	2.00	2.00		
10-21 Mrs. W. C. T. T. T.	1.00						Loan Industry	4.00	4.00	4.00		
TOTALS	118.40	347.25	416.00	416.00			Annuity Bonds	200.00	200.00	200.00		
							Constitutional Funds	12.00	12.00	12.00		
							Legion Fellowship in South West City Mission	20.00	20.00	20.00		
							Boys Work Offering	13.00	13.00	13.00		
							Subsidiary Memorial Fund	4.00	3.00	4.00		
							Building Up Membership	5.00	5.00	5.00		
							TOTALS	344.00	344.00	344.00	62.00	62.00

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PASTORATE	YEAR	PASTORATE	YEAR	PASTORATE	YEAR
ALLEN	1921	LINCOLN	1921	LEWIS	1921
AUBURN	1922	N. PLATE	1922	WAYNE	1922
BEARCE	1923	OAKLAND	1923	WEST-POINT	1923
BENEDICT	1924	OMAHA	1924	WALTON	1924
BENSON	1925	REDEEMER	1925	WILBUR	1925
DARKE	1926	ST. MARY'S	1926	WOLBACH	1926
EMERSON	1927	ST. LUNES	1927	YORK	1927
FALLS CITY	1928	ST. MARKS	1928		
GRAND IS	1929	PONCA	1929		
LEWIS	1930	NEBRASKA	1930		
REMONTE	1931	RISING CITY	1931		
HARDY	1932	STELLA	1932		
HOOPER	1933	SIOUX	1933		

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Student—MRS. R. W. LIVERS, Hooper.
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Deaconess—MRS. A. R. McMULLEN, Stella.
Magazine—MRS. L. I. SAHLER, Rising City.
Life and In Memoriam—MRS. GEO. H. HAASE, Emerson.

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MRS. ERNEST F. NELSON, 2652 Dewey Ave., Omaha.

Next Convention to be held at Ponca, Nebr., October 9-11, 1922.

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MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

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Home—MRS. JOHN H. PETRING.

Mission Study—MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH.

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Historian—MRS. H. C. HECKT.

DELEGATES

Mrs. R. E. Anderson, Allen.....	First
Mrs. C. H. Harper, Allen.....	First
Mrs. E. Bollman, Benedict.....	Zion
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City.....	Emanuel
Mrs. Wm. Zastrow, Emerson.....	St. Luke's
Mrs. R. E. Rangeler, Emerson.....	St. Luke's
Mrs. Carl Aue, Fremont.....	Salem

Mrs. H. C. Dahl, Fremont.....	Salem
Mrs. R. W. Livers, Hooper.....	Grace
Mrs. A. E. Hecker, Hooper.....	Grace
Mrs. H. C. Luckey, Lincoln.....	Grace
Mrs. Ralph Weismiller, Nebraska City.....	English
Mrs. John H. Petring, Nebraska City.....	English
Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, North Platte.....	First
Mrs. W. H. Ahlquist, Omaha.....	Redeemer
Mrs. A. F. Dohn, Omaha.....	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. Ernest F. Nelson, Omaha.....	Kountze Memorial
Mrs. O. F. Lindburg, Omaha.....	St. Luke's
Mrs. J. B. Gould, Ponca.....	Salem
Mrs. G. W. Cook, Ponca.....	Salem
Miss Ida Loudenslager, Rising City.....	First
Mrs. P. C. Hillegass, Rising City.....	First
Mrs. P. M. Scherer, Tekamah.....	Emanuel
Mrs. M. D. Willert, Tekamah.....	Emanuel
Miss Charlotte Zeigler, Wayne.....	St. Paul's
Mrs. Ida King, West Point.....	Grace
Mrs. W. W. Frankfurt, West Point.....	Grace
Mrs. E. C. Mortensen, Wilbur.....	First

Young Ladies

Miss L. Louise Diehl, Fremont.....	Midland College
Mrs. J. F. Kreuger, Fremont.....	Salem
Miss L. Mildred Henkel, Omaha.....	Kountze Memorial

Light Brigade

Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Allen.....	First
Mrs. Walter Webber, Jr., Emerson.....	St. Luke's
Mrs. W. A. Geistler, Oakland.....	Grace
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha.....	Kountze Memorial

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Mrs. H. S. Parsons, West Point
Mrs. Wm. Miller, Oakland

Mr. M. D. Willert, Tekamah
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 Mr. C. A. Beinhardt
 Mr. J. C. Soll
 Mr. Otto Westerbeck
 Mrs. Zeigler, Wayne
 Miss Ruth Marie Van Fleet
 Rev. A. K. Walborn, Omaha

The Committee on Credentials wishes to report the following list of attendance:

Officers	3
Standing Committees, Chairmen.....	1
Department Secretaries.....	6
Delegates	35
Visitors	61
Total Attendance.....	99

Respectfully submitted,

MISS L. MILDRED HENKEL
 MRS. RALPH WEISMILLER

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Forty-first Annual Convention

of the Women's Missionary Society of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
of the United Lutheran Church in America

October 10-12, 1921, in the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wayne, Nebraska, J. H. Fetterolf, Pastor.

Convention Theme: FORWARD. Text Phil. 3:13-14.

Monday evening at 7:45 the Liturgical Service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Fetterolf. Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet as acting President, presided.

The lesson taken from Phil. 3, 6 to 16, was read by Mrs. Ernest F. Nelson, of Omaha, followed by prayer by Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, of North Platte.

Greetings were given by Mrs. H. A. McMillen, of Wayne, and response given by Miss Mildred Henkel, of Omaha.

The address of the evening was given by Miss Hilma Levine, a missionary on furlough from our Rajahmundry field, India, which was most instructive as she told of the life and habits of the people among whom she works as nurse in Dr. Betty Nilsson's hospital.

Two committees were appointed: Credentials. Miss Mildred Henkel and Mrs. Ralph Weismiller, and reporter for local papers, Mrs. H. C. Heckt. One special number by the choir and a solo were very much appreciated. Offering taken, \$11.21.

After the closing service an acquaintance hour was enjoyed by all present.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Tuesday morning, October 11th, The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. D. Willert of Tekamah. Theme: "Consecrating of Ourselves." Romans 2:1-19 and Cor. 2:6-10. Prayer by Dr. E. G. Miller, followed by short talk on consecrating ourselves, short prayers and hymns.

Formal opening of convention by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, acting President, on account of the illness of Mrs. W. I. Guss. Motion made and carried that Mrs. Van Fleet appoint Vice President for convention. Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger appointed.

Motion made and carried that order of program be changed in order to allow Dr. Miller and Miss Levine to address the convention, as they were leaving in the afternoon.

Roll call and acceptance of credentials.

President's report read by Secretary and referred to proper committee. (Exhibit A).

Statistical Secretary's report read and referred to proper committee. (Exhibit B).

Treasurer's report, also report of auditing committee, read and adopted. (Exhibit C).

Recording Secretary's report read and referred to proper committee. (Exhibit D).

Appointment of committees at this time. (Exhibit E).

Rev. E. G. Miller, of Philadelphia, gave a short talk address on Ministerial Relief.

Miss Hilma Levine, missionary, gave a short talk in explanation of the support of the missionaries in the Rajahmundry field.

Mrs. H. D. Hoover, representative of the Executive Board Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C., gave a talk on the work done by the Executive Board and other items of interest.

Motion made and carried hour of closing morning session be 12 o'clock.

Reports of Department Secretaries followed.

Reports of Life and In Memoriam Secretary read

and accepted and referred to proper committee. (Exhibit F).

Mrs. Hoover informed the convention that our beloved Life and In Memoriam Secretary of the Executive Board, Mrs. L. K. Sanford, is ill and had asked to be allowed to resign, but considering her long years of faithful service, the work would be taken care of by the General Office and her resignation was not accepted.

Home Department Secretary's report read and accepted and referred to proper committee. (Exhibit G).

Closing the morning session by prayers for Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. W. I. Guss, followed by Lord's prayer and adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional service by Mrs. John Petring, who used for her scripture lesson the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, theme: "Faith, Hope and Love."

Motion made and carried that we extend to Mrs. W. I. Guss, President, and Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Vice President, our appreciation of their work.

Department Secretaries' reports continued.

No report from Young People's Secretary on account of illness.

Light Brigade Secretary's report by Mrs. H. O. Wilson read by Mrs. Walter Webber. (Exhibit H).

Magazine Secretary's report by Mrs. L. J. Sayler read by Mrs. P. C. Hillegass. (Exhibit I).

Literature Secretary's report read by Mrs. W. F. Rangeler, and additions to be made later by Secretary. (Exhibit J).

Student Secretary's report read by Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, Secretary pro tem. (Exhibit K).

No report on Deaconess work, on account of the death of Mrs. de Freese, Secretary.

Historian's report read by Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Secretary. (Exhibit L).

Letter read from General Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Gardner.

Mission Study Secretary's report read by Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, Secretary. (Exhibit M).

Annuity report read by Mrs. J. F. Kruger, Secretary. (Exhibit N).

Report of the North Platte Conference, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Chairman, read by Mrs. D. W. Crouse. (Exhibit O).

Motion made and carried that these reports be accepted and referred to proper committees.

Announcement that all delegates whose Congregational Society had paid the Synodical Travel Fund, give their names and societies to Chairman of Pooling Committee.

Announcement of addition to President's report of the appointment of Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet as Acting President for the convention.

Paper, "The Giving of Ourselves," by Mrs. Oak W. Ebright, read by Mrs. R. E. Rangeler.

Article 4, Sec. 2 of constitution read.

Report of Credentials Committee given by Miss Mildred Henkel.

Echos from Congregational Societies given in answer to roll call by the Secretary.

Following the report of the Allen delegate, prayer was offered by the President for departed members.

Moved and carried the hour of closing be 5 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock it was moved and carried that our time be extended to 5:15, in order to finish reports.

Announcements by President and re-reading of appointed committees.

Closed by singing Doxology, and Benediction pronounced by Rev. C. Franklin Koch.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Wednesday, October 12th. Following the Communion with Synod, the convention moved to the First Baptist Church to continue their meetings.

Roll was called of all officers, secretaries and delegates.

Ruth Marie Van Fleet was presented with a life membership badge, being the youngest life member known in the Synod.

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon session read and approved.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Harman, also a report of the new society in Grand Island, read by Mrs. Ernest F. Nelson. (Exhibit P).

Report of Box Work Secretary, Mrs. R. A. White, read by Mrs. O. F. Lindberg. (Exhibit 28).

Moved and carried that these reports be accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Letter read from Mrs. Walter Weir, General Treasurer, also communications from Mrs. E. Fackiner, chairman of West Indies Box Work.

Announcement of meeting of General Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, fall of 1922, date not fixed.

Dr. Stauffer addressed the convention in behalf of Midland College.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler gave a talk on plan of World Service Campaign.

Miss Diehl asked for help from the ladies in "Consecration Thoughts."

Nominating Committee reported and motion made and carried that the nominations be closed.

Moved and carried that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for all officers except Recording Secretary. (See Directory).

Moved and carried that Mrs. A. F. Dohn cast a unanimous ballot for Society for Mrs. L. A. Hornberg for Recording Secretary. (See Directory).

Ballots cast.

Moved and carried that a unanimous ballot for delegates and alternates for General Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., in fall of 1922, be cast by the Secretary. (Exhibit Q).

Ballot cast.

A short address by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet to convention and thanking for election as President.

Motion made and carried we adjourn at 12 o'clock for lunch and meet at 1 o'clock instead of 2:00 P. M.

The committee on last year's minutes reported an error on page 99, line 8; last phrase should read "Constitution had last reading."

Motion made and carried as follows:

"That notice is hereby given by this convention that the Constitution be so amended at the next meeting

as to permit of the election of a Second Vice President."
Meeting adjourned with prayer by President.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service was lead by Mrs. P. C. Hillegass.
Theme: "Consecration of Time and Possessions." Second Corinthians 8:1-12 and First Corinthians 16:1-2.

Offering taken at this time, amount \$7.00.

Lutheran Women's Work was given by Mrs. W. D. Crouse, followed by discussion of means of increasing membership of society and subscriptions, closing with the reading of the magazine song.

Efficiency chart was presented by Mrs. G. E. Hickman, and announcement of a new standard in effect to be known as the "Standard of Excellency." (Exhibit R).

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Ahlquist.

Report of committee on President's address and officers' reports read and adopted. (Exhibit S).

Report of Resolutions Committee read and adopted. (Exhibit T).

Report of Claim Committee read and total asked for.

Report of committee on Conference and Protocol read and adopted. (Exhibit U).

Report of committee on Department Secretaries given and a special note made of a hope in the future of a summer school of missions in Fremont, and also work of Light Brigade. Moved and carried this report be adopted. (Exhibit V).

Report of Credentials Committee read and adopted. (Exhibit 29, opp. Directory Page).

Total of claims presented at this time and motion carried that the claims be allowed and order be drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts. (Exhibit W).

A most impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger for our beloved members who have passed to their reward within the past year. Mrs. G. W. Livers, Mrs. Ellen A. Prescho, Mrs. J. Trietschke, Mrs. Mary E. Fosbender and Mrs. Floma G. de Freese.

The box offering was taken which amounted to \$148.50, followed by the singing of the Doxology.

Invitation of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce for convention to be held in Omaha next year read, and a rising vote of thanks extended. (Place of next convention is Ponca; time, Oct. 9-11).

Report of Committee on Box Work read and adopted. (Exhibit X).

Lace reported sold, \$101.00.

Report given by the Pooling Committee and motion made we adopt this report, and deficit to be drawn from Synodical fund. (Exhibit Y).

In answer to the call from the World's Service Campaign, the following motion was carried: "That the Nebraska Synodical Society go on record as co-operating with their pastors in the World's Service Campaign."

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers read and accepted. (Exhibit 27).

Treasurer called attention to the closing of fiscal year, now July 31st, and explanation of various funds.

Treasurer informed convention Synodical fee should be paid in second quarter, not later than January 31st.

On account of expiration of one of the Board of Trustees, President was delegated by convention to appoint someone to fill this office. Mrs. M. D. Willert was appointed, Secretary to inform her of appointment.

Reference made to Synodical special of \$300.00, to be taken during Lenten season, to go toward the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen, as recommended by Executive Committee. Especial mention made of the Mortensen family as the largest family in the service of the Lutheran Church in Nebraska. The only daughter is in training for a medical missionary to India, and five sons who are or desire to become ministers of the Gospel.

Motion made and carried the report of Committee on President's report be reconsidered.

Motion carried the amended report of Committee on President's report be accepted. (Exhibit T).

Motion made, "Our By-Laws be amended by two-thirds vote of members of convention present." Carried.

Minutes of Wednesday morning session read and approved.

A beautiful consecration service was conducted by Miss L. Louise Diehl.

After which the convention was formally closed by the President.

Mrs. E. A. VAN FLEET,
Acting President.
MRS. L. A. HORNBERG,
Recording Secretary.

EXHIBIT A**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In the Good Providence of our God we assemble again in another convention. It is the Forty-first Anniversary of our history as a Synodical Society. It seems but a few months since our last meeting, but a whole year has passed.

Since we last met some of our co-workers have gone to their eternal home. The Master said, "It is enough", and they ended their labors. Others of us have endured sore trials, suffering and sorrow. But God has been to us a refuge and Strength and a Present Help in the time of trouble. In the hour of our need He has given us strength and sustaining grace. The loving kindness of Jehovah has followed us through all the year and we have great reason to praise His name. Truly let us thank God for his guidance and watchful care over us during the past year, for the successes that have attended our efforts, for the privilege of being in His service, for the good that we have been able to do, and for the joy of being co-workers together with Him.

We meet in conventions like this to review what we have done, to counsel together, to plan for still greater work in the future, and to renew our courage, faith and devotion by contact with others interested in the same great cause as ours. We are here to transact the business of the King. May the deliberations of this convention be begun, continued and completed in the name and spirit of Jesus.

We desire to briefly call your attention to the great work that the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church is doing. We are supporting 38 Home Missions and Missionaries. 46 Missionaries in foreign fields are supported from the funds of the Society. During the past year the Society expended over \$245,000.00. The Statistical secretary reports 1600 Women's Societies, 373 Young People's and 523 Junior Societies with a combined membership of 72,601.

According to custom I herewith submit to you my official acts for the past year.

The usual stationery was printed and sent out to the Synodical officers and committees.

During the year your president sent out 176 letters and 20 postal cards.

Mrs. C. H. Lewis removed from the bounds of our Synod

and Mrs. H. O. Willson was appointed as the Children's Secretary to take her place.

Mrs. John H. Petring was appointed Home Department secretary to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Mrs. W. L. Bright, who moved from our Synod.

Miss Agnes Schade, one of our India missionaries, visited in our Synod in June. A reception was given in her honor at St. Mark's Church, Omaha, at which time she addressed representatives from the various Lutheran churches of the city.

Miss Mette Blair and Miss Selma Anderson, of Omaha, who were reported under appointment a year ago, are now in India.

By request of the Executive Committee, Mrs. L. A. Hornburg has taken care of the Student Secretary's work. Also during the illness of your president she took care of considerable correspondence.

We call the attention of this body to the special Membership Campaign, and urge that strenuous efforts be put forth to reach the goal of every woman member of the Church a member of the Missionary Society.

I desire to thank all the officers and committees and all others who have assisted me in the work during the past year. I regret very much that I am not able to be present at this meeting. However, you have my prayers and I wish you God's richest blessing.

Recommendations.

1. The General Board through its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Helen Beegle, asked our Synodical Society to raise the necessary funds toward the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen of this Synod, who is now in Medical training for the Foreign Field. In accordance with this request your Executive Committee passed the following: "We recommend that our Synodical Society make a Special Offering this year of \$300.00 toward the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen for her Medical training. This money is to be given on condition that she qualify and engage in Foreign Missionary work. Also that the time that this Special Offering be received shall be during the Lenten Season".

2. In the event that the Synodical Committee on Ministerial Education will provide for Miss Mortensen's support we recommend that your Executive Committee be authorized to designate some object to which the Lenten Offering shall be given.

3. By the request of the Executive Committee, we recommend that they be given authority to purchase Life Membership Blanks, the same to be given to the Congregational Societies.

4. We recommend that all resolutions and recommendations of the General Executive Board be endorsed by this Synodical body; and that we instruct our Executive Committee to conform their work in accordance with the same.

5. We recommend that the By-laws be so amended so as to give the names and duties of the committees that the president is to annually appoint.

Your President and Vice President not being able to be present at this convention I have appointed Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet to preside at the sessions.

MRS. W. I. GUSS, President.

EXHIBIT B REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

In compiling the Statistical Secretary's report for the year ending July 31, 1921, I find we have 32 Women's Societies. Of this number four are new societies, at Bethel, Benedict, Grand Island, Nebraska City and York, the last named reorganized. Society at Erickson having become inactive during the year. We have nine Young People's Societies, three listed last year, Emerson, St. Luke's, Pax Vobiscum, Omaha, and Omaha St. Luke's disbanded.

Junior or Light Brigade Societies report 11. Of this number 2 are new societies at Ponca and Oakland. We regret to report Junior Societies at Hooper, Lincoln, Oakland, Stella and Walbach have become inactive for a time, mainly for lack of leaders. Increase is shown in active membership of 169 over last year, 33 in Missionary Baby Roll and 18 in Home Department.

Honorary Membership, Life and In Memoriam show a decrease, due to, perhaps, incorrect reports.

Your Secretary has sent two circular letters, also blanks for records to all societies, minutes of last convention, and notice of officers elected last year were sent to officers of General Society.

116 letters, of these 66 personal letters, have been sent.

With sadness we note a decrease in subscription to Lutheran Woman's Work and Lutheran Boys and Girls.

Eight Societies observed week of Prayer with Self-Denial Offering.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. A. VAN FLEET, Statistical Secretary.

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**All our efforts in the support of
orphans and aged helpless are
to be concentrated upon**

TABITHA HOME

**Under the order of the Boards that each
district sustain its own institution.**

Remember Tabitha With a Gift

REV. E. WALTER, Supt.

EXHIBIT C**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

"Rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice." It is with gratitude to our Father that I can be with you this morning and tell you that I am more confident than ever before that God is blessing our Society because He is making it possible for the women of our Nebraska Synod to send such splendid contributions as they have the past three months.

Last year I was privileged to send you report of very good excesses and this year of only three months the receipts have exceeded the previous year by \$725.94. Should we not be thankful? I have received this money crediting the same to the respective Societies and remitting it to the Treasurer of the General Society all funds except the Synodical fee and travel fund. Also paid bills allowed by convention and the Executive Committee. I have written 70 letters and sent out over 400 receipt cards.

Although we have done well let us not be satisfied but press forward and do our best the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER,

Treasurer.

For detailed report see pages 112 and 113).

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WAYNE	12.60	1.80	1.25	25.63	3.85																									41.30	
WEST POINT	27.50	2.30	2.30	66.70	3.85																									112.39	
WILBER	16.65	2.40	1.30	46.43	2.00	2.40																							70.38		
WOLDACH	4.	5.70	50	8.	5.	1.30																								18.70	
NORTH PLATTE	10.85	1.40	1.	19.	5.	535																								78.	
YOUNG PEOPLE'S																															
EMERSON	3.25																														3.25
EMERSON	2.																														2.
FREMONT	2.860			17.30		60.																									165.50
NORTH PLATTE	3.		.50		5.																										24.50
OMAHA GRACE	3.		.75	20.58																											43.33
- K. MEM. L. League																															30.
- K. M. Young Ladies	61.	13.70	2.85	45.	6.																										201.40
- ST. Mrs. Young Ladies	17.80	1.80	.90	41.		10.																									72.40
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EMERSON	1.			1.																											13.64
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EMERSON	2.70																														3.80
FALLS CITY	2.																														2.8
NORTH PLATTE	7.20	1.80	1.	13.																											27.47
OMAHA GRACE				12.27																											52.55
- KOUNTZ MEM	10.38			43.17																											4.40
PONCA Light Brigade	4.40																														17.50
RISING CITY	4.	1.	.50	11.																											
MISCELLANEOUS																															
INTEREST																															40
FROM Ladies of Convention for Life Membership of Montgomery Love Springer																															133.
Offering at North Platte																															10.
Offering at Fremont																															11.05
TOTALS	783.56	121.60	49.30	16.	157.63	87.55	200.	46.85	65.	40.	3.	13.	85.	94.19	20.	153.	20.	35.	200	10.	415	17	133.	40	1	2	3405.45				

EXHIBIT D

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On account of all members of the Executive Committee living in Omaha, with the exception of Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Treasurer, it was possible for the Committee to hold meetings after reports of General Executive Committee arrived and also following Spring Conference.

Four meetings were held in all to allow bills to be presented, reports read and plans for Convention made.

The President was instructed to not only ask for a return Missionary but a member of the Executive Board as well to be with us at convention.

Programs and executive letters were mailed to over 60 Societies. Packets for the every-member canvass were also sent out to the same number. Forty postal cards were sent to correct error in printing of programs.

The reason for the difference in number of postal cards and letters is that some churches have more than one society and some are large societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. HORNBERG,

Recording Secretary.

EXHIBIT E

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

President's address and officers' reports: Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, Mrs. E. Bollman, Mrs. Anna Mueller.

Literature and Box Work: Mrs. W. H. Harper, Mrs. M. D. Willert, Mrs. O. F. Lindberg.

Department Secretaries' Reports: Miss Ida Loudenslager, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Mrs. E. C. Mortensen.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. A. F. Dohn, Mrs. H. C. Dahl, Mrs. P. C. Hillegass.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. G. W. Cook, Miss L. Louise Diehl, Mrs. A. E. Hecker, Chairman.

Delegate to convey greetings to Nebraska Synod: Mrs. J. F. Kreuger.

Chairman of Literature Table: Mrs. W. F. Rangeler.

Lost and Found Department: Mrs. H. C. Luckey.

Credentials Committee: Miss Mildred Henkel, Mrs. Ralph Weismiller.

Conference Committee and Minutes of Last Convention: Mrs. W. F. Rangeler, Mrs. J. B. Gould.

Letters and Papers: Mrs. John Petring, Mrs. P. M. Scherer.
Committee on Claims: Mrs. W. H. Ahlquist.

Pooling Committee: Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Reporters: The Lutheran, Mrs. J. B. Gould; Lutheran Women's Work, Mrs. Carl Aue; Local papers, Mrs. H. C. Heckl
Lace Display: Mrs. Laura Troth.

EXHIBIT F

REPORT OF LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department has been more gratifying the last year. We can report twenty-two Life Memberships and seven In Memoriam Memberships. I am sorry I can not give you the exact amount realized through this department for the expansion of the Kingdom of Christ.

I have written 32 circular letters and have sent literature pertaining to the work of this department which will soon reach the different societies.

May I quote a few lines from the report of Mrs. Sanford, our General Secretary. "This has been a marvelous year in the response made—hundreds and hundreds of names have been enrolled, honors to the living workers and tributes to those who have been transferred to the "Church Triumphant." The total receipts for the past year have been \$19,220.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. V. AUSTIN,
Life Memoriam Secretary.

EXHIBIT G

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT

Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, reports a Home Department with seven members all paying regular dues and all subscribing to "Woman's Work".

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Tekamah, reports five Home Department members, and three subscriptions to "Lutheran Woman's Work".

Trinity Lutheran Church of Wolbach have one Home Department member and three subscribers to "Lutheran Women's Work."

Trinity Lutheran Church of Beatrice reports three Home Department members and three subscriptions to "Lutheran Women's Work"

First Lutheran Church, North Platte, reports 12 Home Department members and 9 subscriptions to "Woman's Work".

First Lutheran Church, Nebraska City, reports 7 Home Department members and 19 subscriptions to "Woman's Work".

Kountze Memorial, Omaha, reports 51 Home Department members.

We have a total of 86 Home Department members and 44 subscriptions to our magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. PETRING,
Home Department Secretary.

EXHIBIT H

REPORT OF LIGHT BRIGADE SUPERINTENDENT.

We are sorry to say we can report but (14) fourteen societies in the Light Brigade, although a new society was organized at Oakland, July 14, with seventeen members, and one at Ponca with twenty-four members.

The ones at Hooper and Auburn have both disbanded. The trouble seems to be lack of leadership, as usual, though we know of an instance where the best of leadership was to be had, yet the members of the congregation were not willing to do their part; namely, see that their children attend the meetings, so naturally no Light Brigade was organized.

Did this show the right spirit?

It seems a pity where the leadership is available it cannot be used.

We now have (386) three hundred eighty-six members in the Light Brigade, (269) two hundred sixty-nine Torchbearers, (54) fifty-four Lamplighters and (63) sixty-three Little Lights.

The contributions have been specified as General Fund, \$8.78, Synodical Treasurer \$15.65 and Special Objects \$13.55 (mostly to the thread industry of India) and the children at Falls City sent a child to kindergarden in Japan. Only one society reported the use of the Thank-Offering box and five are using the programs outlined in Lutheran Woman's Work.

The children of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, are working on post cards for India and are also planning a post card shower on Miss Blair.

North Platte has pleasant prospects in view. They expect soon to have a band of forty Little Lights.

Hooper is planning to re-organize and we wish them success.
May our prayers be with them in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON.

EXHIBIT I

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

Dear Co-workers: My report as magazine secretary is not what I would like to have it.

I have sent letters and blanks for reports to 38 societies. 24 societies reported a membership of 616 and 427 subscriptions to Woman's Work.

The increase in membership (in same societies) over last year is 68. While the increase in subscriptions is only 14, which would indicate that greater effort is being put forth for new members than to increase the number of readers of our magazine. When getting new members may we not work harder for subscriptions? To be interested and working members do we not need to be informed and know the needs of the work? What better way have we than be a subscriber to Woman's Work and a faithful reader of same.

Our magazine needs the loyal support of every member of the Missionary Society. May we pay heed to the request of our Business Manager that renewals be sent in two months before time of expiration.

We are far behind our goal of 50,000 subscriptions for the biennium, which means that we must put forth greater effort the coming year than the past.

Yours sincerely in the Master's service,

MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

EXHIBIT J

The Secretary of Literature begs to submit the following report of literature sales from October, 1920, to October, 1921:

Received for orders taken at North Platte, October, 1920...\$ 8.85
Received for cash sales at North Platte, October, 1920..... 43.71

Total.....\$52.56

Paid to Literature Headquarters for orders.....	\$ 8.85
Paid to Literature Headquarters for cash sales.....	43.71
Total.....	\$52.56

MRS. W. F. RANGELER,
Literature Secretary.

EXHIBIT K REPORT OF STUDENT SECRETARY

Forty information blanks were sent out to the Pastors or Laymen when no regular Pastor was on the field. To date have received 31 reports with a total of 72 women students.

Only a few of the Pastors have sent in their lists and the large number of reports are from some Pastors who have two churches in charge.

I hope to hear from them soon so that a full report may be sent to the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. HORNBERG,
Student Secretary, Protom.

EXHIBIT L HISTORIAN REPORT

In coming before you today to present my report, I can only speak of numbers and of cold statistics, I can only say how much we have gained: I can only tell how much we did in giving for the Lord's Kingdom, but the fruits of our labors we cannot always see. A company may build a telephone line, it may connect the different cities or even countries, it may put down in their books how much it did cost them to build and to operate their line, but the words of cheer and good will that run along the line and that bring new hopes to those receiving the message, of these words the books of the company will be silent and still they are the most important thing in the life of a company.

We can make a record of what we did and gave for the Kingdom of God, but the cheer and new hope our gifts and our work brought into the hearts of many people we do not know and this report can not speak about that in cold figures, nevertheless we know that they are well known and recorded by

Him who commanded us to do this work. May He give His blessing to our work so that we may become a blessing for many a soul.

I sent out questionnaires to each Society of the State, and a goodly number were returned filled out, also have placed on file the following copies for the year past of "Lutheran Woman's Work"; 1 copy of our Study Text Book, "Bible and Missions"; 1 copy of Mission Study Book, "Serving the Neighborhood"; 1 copy of Junior Study Text Book, "Lamp Lighters Across the Sea"; a copy of minutes of last convention and program including some miscellaneous literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECKT,

Historian.

EXHIBIT M

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY.

Your Mission Study Secretary submits the following report: With the aid of the North Platte Conference Secretary, Mrs. Hickman, two circular letters and a number of personal ones were sent to every society in the Synod. In the first letter three tracts on the subject were enclosed. A copy of one of these tracts, "Guide Posts to Mission Study," was also sent to every Pastor in the Synod, especially calling his attention to the idea of the school of Missions.

In spite of these efforts the total number of Mission Study Classes is smaller than last year. Then twenty-five classes were reported, this year twenty-three. In addition to the twenty-three, three societies reported Mission Study Classes, but studied "The Bible and Missions," once a month. Of course credit could not be given for these classes, as "The Bible and Missions" was the text book prescribed for the regular monthly meetings. If, however, a society held six EXTRA meetings and studied "Bible and Missions" more intensively, credit could be given for a class.

The summary of the classes is as follows: Out of twenty-three classes ten were study classes, five reading circles, and five lecture courses, while one conducted a school of missions consisting of three classes, a grand total of 337 members.

The societies having had classes are: Benson, Allen, Stella, Lincoln, St. Mark's Omaha (2), Hooper, Grace Omaha, Fremont, Ponca, Tekamah (3), School of Missions, Church of Redeemer

Omaha, Benedict-Zion, Kountze Memorial Omaha (2), North Platte (3), Wilbur, Rising City, Dakota City. Seven new classes are on the list.

We also report one person at least who attended a summer school of missions, Mrs. Fred Frederickson of North Platte attending the Lake Geneva Summer School.

We wish to call your attention to the Mission Study books for the coming year: Adult books—"The Kingdom and the Nations," "World Friendship, Inc.," and young people's book, "World Friendship, Inc.," and "Playing Square With Tomorrow." All of these books treat of the vital necessity of Christian friendship between the organized Christians of the world. Let us make this year a banner year, and every society have one or more mission study classes.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED L. KOCH,
Mission Study Secretary.

EXHIBIT N

REPORT OF ANNUITY SECRETARY

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that your secretary is able to give an encouraging report. To forty letters sent out there have been but five replies, of these, however, two were favorable.

Mrs. Van Fleet of Kountze Memorial of Omaha, and Mrs. Clara Curry of our Rising City organization, each took out a \$100.00 bond. This certainly is encouraging, and we hope that next year there will be many others who will deem it not a duty but a privilege to invest in the work of God. In the accomplishing of these things we earnestly request the hearty assistance of each society in the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. KRUEGER,
Annuity Secretary.

EXHIBIT O

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The North Platte Conference joined with the South Platte Conference in an all day meeting at Salem Church, Fremont, Nebraska, April 20, 1921. A very interesting and beneficial meeting, well attended, was held. The program was prepared by the South Platte Committee.

Although no regular meetings of the Committee have been held, chance meetings and letters have enabled us to plan and carry on our own work. Since out of 18 pastorates we have 16 Women's Societies and but 6 Young People's and 6 Light Brigades, we thought it best to stress the organization of the two latter branches. We have tried persistently, by letter, mainly, to get in touch with each organization for this purpose.

We have to report two new Light Brigades at Ponca and St. Paul's Church, Oakland, one Young People's Society at Fremont, Salem Church, and one Women's Missionary Aid at South Sioux City. We know of others interested and waiting for a proper opportunity to present itself. It is our hope and prayer that another year will see more new societies added to the fold.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN

MRS. D. W. CROUSE

MRS. R. B. WELLER

EXHIBIT P THANK-OFFERING REPORT

Another year has gone, and with it many blessings, and many disappointments and discouragements. But surely we have seen Kind Providence in all things, and have tried to render unto Him some small return, at least, for all His benefits unto us. Our Thank-Offering is increasing from year to year, and we surely must see God's blessings increase unto us.

I will give the amount the Societies have reported to me, and also, that which they may have reported to the Treasurer as some do not report to me.

My report is:

Women's Societies	\$ 826.24
Junior	94.06
Young People's	118.73
Total	\$1039.32

The Treasurer's report is:

Women's Societies	\$ 987.62
Junior	85.63
Young People's	124.38
Total	\$1197.63

An increase over last year of \$239.62.

This is splendid, but let us keep on climbing year by year, for so many are waiting for our help, and we need the blessing, ourselves, of more giving. Let us try again this year the daily offering, for God gives unto us daily blessings.

When the report blanks are received by the societies, will each one see that the space "How many Thank-Offering boxes in use" will be filled out, if at all possible? It is asked for in the General Report, and I also, am anxious to know.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. B. HARMAN.

Thank-Offering Secretary.

EXHIBIT Q

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Nominating Committee wish to submit the following for officers:

President, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha.

Vice President, Mrs. W. I. Guss, Omaha.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, Omaha.

Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Holmes Dysinger, Fremont.

Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City.

For delegates to General Convention, 1922:

Delegates, Mrs. W. I. Guss, Omaha; Mrs. J. F. Krueger, Fremont; Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, North Platte.

Alternates, Mrs. R. M. Badger, Lincoln; Mrs. E. Bollman, Benedict; Mrs. Ralph Weismiller, Nebraska City.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. E. HECKER

MISS L. LOUISE DIEHL

MRS. G. W. COOK

EXHIBIT R

Standard of Excellency Chart (See page 90).

EXHIBIT S

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S AND OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your Committee takes pleasure in commending the splendid report of our President in view of the fact that her illness and

loss of co-workers made her work more difficult.

We heartily endorse the special membership campaign and urge every society to give it their utmost co-operation.

We especially call the attention of this body to recommendation 1 and most heartily endorse making our Synodical Special the payment of \$300.00 toward the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen in Medical School. We urge that this fund be raised during the Lenten season.

We also endorse recommendations 2, 3 and 4, and present the following amendment to By-law 9.

By-law 9, b.

At the opening session of the convention the President shall appoint the following special committees whose duties shall be those ordinarily assigned to them: Credentials, President's and Officers' Reports, Department Secretaries' Reports, Literature and Box Work, Minutes of Last Convention and Conference, Letters and Papers, Claims, Resolutions, Pooling, Nominating.

By-law 9, c.

The President shall also appoint some person for each of the following: Convey greetings to Nebraska Synod, Literature Table, Assistant Secretary, Pages, Reporters.

We note with pleasure the number of new societies but regret the decrease in magazine subscriptions.

We acknowledge with gratitude to Almighty God the wonderful increase in our financial report.

Your committee commends the faithfulness of the officers in the discharge of their work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH

MRS. E. BOLLMAN

MRS. A. H. MUELLER

EXHIBIT T

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Through the Grace of God we are again permitted to meet in convention and return gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His kind protection and guidance during the past year.

Be It Resolved:

That we express sincere thanks for the success of this convention.

First. To all our officers and co-workers for their splendid co-operation in promoting the work.

Second. To the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, his wife and congregation for their kind hospitality and efforts to make our stay in their midst a pleasant memory.

Third. To Mrs. Fetterolf and choir of St. Paul's Church of Wayne for their inspiring music.

Fourth. To the Rajahmundry missionary, Miss Hilma Levine, to Rev. Miller of Pittsburg, Mrs. H. D. Hoover of the Executive Board and others who gave us such splendid addresses during the convention.

Fifth. To the Brotherhood of the Nebraska Synod for the banquet and delightful entertainment of the evening.

Sixth. To the daily press for the space allowed us.

Be It Resolved:

That inasmuch as Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom has taken from our midst several of our beloved co-workers we express our sincere sympathy and pray God may comfort their loved ones.

Be It Further Resolved:

That we express our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity and success of our work during the past year and pray God's richest blessing on our work for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. F. DOHN

MRS. H. C. DAHL

MRS. P. C. HILLEGASS

EXHIBIT U
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE'S MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S
CONVENTION.

Your Committee on Conference Reports and Minutes of Convention would report as follows:

First: We have examined the conference report and find it showing commendable activity. We rejoice in the organization of two Women's Societies and Light Brigades and Young Peoples' Societies, and pray God that these societies may become strong and able to do great work for the Master and that the interest created in the congregations that have no societies may grow and organizations may take place in the near future.

Second: We have examined the minutes of last convention and find the following errors: On page 99 the matter pertaining to the reading of the constitution should show that this was the last reading of the constitution. On page 138, By-laws 2, A, the word Officers should be stricken out.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RANGELER
MRS. GOULD

EXHIBIT V

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

We have reviewed the reports of the following department Secretaries: Student, Light Brigade, Life and In Memoriam, Magazine, Annuity, Home, Thank-Offering, Box Work, Mission Study, and Historian.

A few items deserve attention:

1. **Student.** We note with gratitude the report of the Student Secretary and pray God that these seventy-two young women from our Lutheran homes of Nebraska in our higher institutions of learning, may bear rich fruits to the honor and glory of their Master.

2. **Light Brigade.** We note with sorrow and anxious concern the disbanding of societies and the lack of interest shown by some of the congregations in the children. How can our highest hopes for our future missionary societies be attained if we do not have recruits among the children? With permission of the Light Brigade Superintendent we beg to change the statement that one new society was organized, as we can welcome two, one at Oakland and one at Ponca. We thank our Heavenly Father for them and pray that next year will bring forth a more plentiful harvest.

3. **Life and In Memoriam.** We are glad to see that this department is coming to the front. By this means of paying loving honor to our loving members and loving tribute to those who have been transplanted to the Church Triumphant, we are also providing means of spreading the Gospel.

4. **Magazine.** Not all societies have reported but the report shows a total membership of 616 with a total subscription of 427 to Woman's Work. Without the loyal support of every

member to our missionary magazine we will fall far short of our 50,000 goal set for this biennium.

5. **Annuity.** We note with rejoicing that two members of the Nebraska Synodical Society have at last started the great work represented by the Annuity department, by each taking out a hundred dollar bond. May others follow their splendid example by taking advantage of this privilege to invest it in the work of God.

6. **Home.** Eight societies report Home departments, an increase of four over last year's report, with a total membership of 86.

7. **Thank-Offering.** Although the increase of this year's Thank-Offering over last year's is not as great as that reported last year, yet \$239.62 is an encouraging increase. May our interest be strengthened and our offerings grow.

8. **Box Work.** The report of the committee on Box Work shows the total of the donations to be \$354.87. We feel sure that this does not include all donations, but as a value was not set on them they are not included in the report.

9. **Mission Study.** We are happy to have had a delegate to a summer school of Missions and hope that many others may have the same privilege. It is our wish that a summer school of Missions be established at our own college at Fremont that more of us might have the privilege of attending.

No reports were received from the Young People's Secretary and the Deaconess Secretary.

We recommend, first, that the new Standard of Excellence be used as a goal by each Society and thus strive to organize a mission study class, a light brigade and home department; second, that the value of all box work be estimated and included in the box work report so that the Box Work Secretary's report may show more nearly how much is being done in that line; third, that each delegate urge her Congregational Secretary to report accurately and promptly to the respective Synodical Department Secretaries, that the reports of these officers may be more accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. IDA LOUDENSLAGER

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN

MRS. E. C. MORTENSEN

EXHIBIT W

REPORT ON CLAIMS.

The Committee on Claims submit the following:

To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Treasurer:		
Postage -----	\$2.00	
Salary -----	5.00	
Railroad fare -----	3.18	\$10.18
Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, Mission Study Secretary:		
Postage -----	2.38	2.38
Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Historian:		
Postage -----	.80	.80
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Statistical Secretary:		
Railroad fare -----	8.80	
Postage -----	2.32	11.12
Mrs. L. A. Hornburg:		
Railroad fare -----	8.80	
Postage -----	2.29	
Rental of Typewriter -----	3.00	
Ribbon for badges -----	2.75	16.84
Mrs. G. E. Hickman:		
Postage -----	4.05	
Cardboard and sign -----	1.00	5.05
Mrs. C. B. Harman:		
Postage -----	1.69	1.69
Total -----		\$48.06

EXHIBIT X

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK AND LITERATURE.

We, the Committee for examining the reports for Box Work and Literature Secretaries, submit the following report: We find a correct record of amounts reported for Box Work has been kept and commend the Committee for the work they have accomplished. We find in this Synod that Tabitha Home has been helped to the amount of \$304.37, clothing, vegetables and fruit for which we would commend each of the local societies for their splendid donations.

The cash offerings for Box Work received at this convention adds to the amounts that have been reported \$148.50,

making the total \$412.87. In looking over the reports we note the failure of reports from all societies save two reaching our Box Work Secretary, that she might make out a full report. We recommend that the matter be stressed at this convention that each local society shall see that each secretary sends in a full report to the proper Synodical Secretary in time to be included in her report.

The report of Committee on Literature not being at hand, your Committee is not able to offer a report on these papers at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. HARPER
MRS. M. D. WILLERT
MRS. O. L. LINDBORG

EXHIBIT Y

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING.

The Committee finds the average railroad fare of the delegates who have paid their Synodical Travel Fund, to be \$7.81.

There are eight whose railroad fare exceeds this average. The amount of this remuneration amounts to \$29.38. The amount on hand in the Synodical Travel Fund is \$28.07, leaving a deficit of \$1.31.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER

The Following Relieved Pooling Money:

Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, North Platte.....	\$14.33
Mrs. A. F. Doane, Omaha.....	.99
Miss Mildred Henkel, Omaha.....	.99
Mrs. W. H. Ahlquist, Omaha.....	.59
Mrs. C. G. Aue, Fremont.....	.79
Mrs. E. C. Mortensen, Wilber.....	7.31
Mrs. Ralph Weismiller, Nebraska City.....	2.19
Mrs. John H. Petring, Nebraska City.....	2.19
Total.....	\$29.38

EXHIBIT 27**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.**

On taking action upon the letter to our president from Mrs. Gardner, the general "Thank-Offering" Secretary, we find that she has especially emphasized the need of the Daily Offering, the Public Meeting, and the universal use of all Thank-Offering literature, as well as the "Lutheran Woman's Work" and Supplement.

The paper written by Mrs. Oak W. Ebright, on "Giving of Ourselves" was of very great interest. She laid special stress on giving of our means, our prayers, also ourselves and our children in service.

A letter of thanks came from Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiemken of Sanger, Cal., for a check for \$133.00 sent them by the society treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Mrs. Walter Weler, General Treasurer, of Toledo, Ohio, writes, extending her best wishes and a plea for continued service to the general society.

Miss Etta Fackiner of Summit, New Jersey, sends shipping directions for Christmas boxes and supplies for the West Indies, and urges that a copy of her letter be sent to each society.

Grand Island, St. Mark's, Omaha, and Grace Church, Omaha, sent reports of their societies, but were unable to send delegates.

Miss Helen C. Beagle writes that the next general convention will be held in Pittsburg, Pa., in the fall of 1922, and urges that delegates be elected at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. PETRING

MRS. P. M. SCHERER

EXHIBIT 28**REPORT OF BOX WORK SECRETARY.**

Your Secretary on Box Work reports the following donations:

To Tabitha Home—

North Platte: 2 barrels of fruit valued at \$65.00. Christmas offering of money amounting to \$76.00. Total \$141.00.

Tekamah: 3 barrels of canned fruit valued at \$75.95, 22 lbs. of beans valued at \$2.20, Christmas box valued at \$47.22. Total \$125.37.

Wolbach: 1 crate of eggs valued at \$9.00. 1 barrel of fruit valued at \$24.00, 1 box of Sunday School books valued at \$5.00. Total \$38.00.

The following for Polish relief was reported—

Tekamah: 85 lbs. of clothing valued at \$45.00.

For India Lace Industry—

Tekamah: Thread \$2.40, cash \$3.10. Total \$5.50.

Summary

Tabitha Home	-----	\$304.37
Polish relief	-----	45.00
India Lace Industry	-----	5.50
		\$354.87

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. A. WHITE

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR FOR 1922-1923

President—REV. W. F. RANGELEK, West Point.
Secretary—REV. O. W. EBRIGHT, 2520 North Sixtieth St., Omaha.
Treasurer—JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., Surprise.
Statistician—REV. GEO. DORN, A. M., 2606 Farnam St., Omaha.
Historian and Necrologist—REV. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach.
Synodical Missionary—REV. WM. T. KAHSE, Sidney.

Executive Committee

REV. W. F. RANGELEK, D. D., West Point.
REV. O. W. EBRIGHT, 2520 North Sixtieth St., Omaha.
REV. C. G. AUE, D. D., Fremont.
REV. R. W. LIVERS, Hooper.
REV. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., Ph. D., LL. D., 2006 Farnam St., Omaha.

Trustees of Midland College

REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D., till 1925.
MR. C. H. HUMPE, Lincoln, till 1925.
REV. G. B. WEAVER, till 1924.
JOS. H. MILLER, D. D., till 1924.
REV. W. I. GUSS, till 1923.
MR. E. A. VAN FLEET, Omaha, till 1923.

Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement

REV. C. F. KOCH, Fremont
MR. O. A. KEYSER, Omaha
PROF. W. E. TILBERG, Fremont
MR. A. E. HECKER, Hooper
REV. C. R. LOWE, Hebron

Committee on Lutheran School of Missions and Teacher Training

REV. W. I. GUSS
REV. J. H. FETTEROLF
REV. R. W. LIVERS
PROF. C. W. HAWKINSON, Fremont
MR. C. C. JOHNSON, Benson

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REV. RALPH E. RANGELEK, Emerson, Sec. Church Schools
REV. GEO. DORN, 2606 Farnam Street, Omaha, Young People's Societies
MR. F. J. BRAZDA, West Point
MR. PAUL KISTLER, 609 Spencer St., Omaha
REV. R. E. MORTENSEN, Wilber

Mission Committee

MR. R. B. WELLER, Omaha
REV. W. I. GUSS, Omaha
REV. A. K. WALBORN, Omaha, South Side
REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D., Grand Island
MR. GEORGE RASMUSSEN, Omaha

Ministerial Education

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REV. K. de FREESE
JOS. H. MILLER, M. D.
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REV. H. F. SCHMIDT

Examining Committee

REV. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., 1923
REV. R. M. BADGER, 1923
REV. W. F. RANGELEK, D. D., 1923
REV. W. T. KAHSE, 1924
REV. E. BOLLMAN, 1924
REV. M. KOOLEN, D. D., 1925
REV. C. G. AUE, D. D., 1925

Protocol Committee

REV. J. C. HERSHEY REV. A. O. SÖHOLM

Committee on the State of the Church

REV. JOHN UTESCH REV. G. E. MORTENSEN

Committee on Reference and Council

REV. FRED WERTZ REV. H. L. GREENAWALT
REV. W. A. KLINK

Necrologist

REV. R. A. WHITE

Inner Mission Committee

REV. W. T. KAHSE REV. R. M. BADGER
REV. R. R. WEISMILLER

Trustees of Tabitha Home

REV. R. M. BADGER MR. J. H. HUMPE

Constitution Committee

REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D. REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.
REV. W. I. GUSS REV. A. A. MAROHN
REV. O. W. EBRIGHT

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MR. H. FISHER, 2606 Farnum St., Omaha

Committee on Ministerial Relief

REV. E. BOLLMAN MR. H. E. SORENSEN, Omaha
MR. H. C. LUCKEY, Lincoln

Committee on Architecture

REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D. REV. G. B. WEAVER
PRESIDENT OF SYNOD

Committee on Synodical Paper

REV. C. G. AUE, D. D. REV. G. B. WEAVER
REV. K. de FREESE REV. RALPH E. RANGELER
PROF. W. E. TILBERG

Delegates to U. L. C. Convention

Clerical:

REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.
REV. J. H. FETTEROLF
REV. W. I. GUSS
REV. W. T. KAHSE
REV. R. A. WHITE

Lay:

H. C. LUCKEY, Lincoln
J. H. MILLER, M. D., Omaha
G. H. HAASE, Emerson
A. E. HECKER, Hooper
E. A. VAN FLEET, M. D., Omaha

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION

Opening Sermon, Tuesday, October 9, 1923, 2:00 o'clock

President, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D.

Tuesday Evening, "Good Fellowship Night"

Two Addresses by General Representatives of
the United Lutheran Church

Wednesday Night, Ordination Sermon

Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.

Chaplain

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D.

To be held at Emerson

SYNODICAL ROLL FOR 1922

Name	Ent.		Address
	Ord.	Synod	
Aue, C. G.; D. D.	1895	1920	Fremont
Badger, R. M.	1903	1905	827 S. 14th St., Lincoln
Baltzly, O. D.			
D. D., Ph. D., LL. D.	1896	1911	26th & Farnum, Omaha
Bollman, E.	1889	1914	Benedict
de Freese, K.	1917	1916	2429 Mary St., Omaha
Dorn, Geo.; B. D.	1915	1919	26th & Farnum, Omaha
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1919	2520 S. 60th, Omaha
Fetterolf, J. H.	1895	1916	Wayne
Fleck, E. L.	1887	1910	1313 J St., Lincoln
Guss, W. L.	1899	1919	2051 N. 20th, Omaha
Greenawalt, H. L.	1899	1918	Allen
Harman, C. B.; D. D.	1900	1910	Grand Island
Helms, R. A.	1896	1919	McCool Junction
Hershey, C. J.	1917	1917	Hampton
Hoffman, Wm.	1902	1920	Davenport
Kahse, W. T.	1905	1912	Sidney
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	Fremont
Klink, W. A.	1917	1919	Rising City
Koch, C. F.	1915	1922	North Platte
Koolen, M.			Lincoln
Kuhns, L. M.; D. D.	1886	1888	Saunders Kennedy Bldg. Omaha
Kuhlman, J. F.	1858	1899	422 S. Burlington St. Hastings
Livers, R. W.	1906	1916	Hooper
Lipe, L. L.	1871	1904	Sharon, Wis.
Lowe, C. R.; B. D.	1907	1913	Hebron
Ludwig, A. T.	1879	1879	National Luther Home Washington, D. C.
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919	Ponca
Machetzki, P.	1915	1914	Buenos Ayres, Argentina South America
Mellonbrook, Pearl	1920	1922	Walton
Mendenhall, G. N.; Ph. D.	1908	1922	Fremont
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	Wilber
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	Verden
Powell, C. S.	1915	1918	York
Raun, J. J.	1920	1920	India
Reis, L.	1918	1918	Falls City
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	Emerson
Rangeler, W. F.; D. D.	1898	1919	West Point
Schmidt, H. F.	1895	1921	2222 S. K St., Omaha
Scholm, A. O.			
Utesch, J. H.	1904	1919	Tekamah
Walhorn, A. K.	1912	1920	Wannagat
Wannagat, E. O.	1908	1921	South Sioux City
Weaver, G. B.	1898	1916	Beatrice
Weertz, J. F.	1921	1921	26th & Farnum, Omaha
Weismiller, R. R.	1914	1921	Nebraska City
White, R. A.	1886	1886	Wolbach

SYNODICAL ROLL, 1922, LAY DELEGATES

Stahl, Lorenz, Gretna.....	Present
Yost, Andrew, North Platte.....	Present
Curry, D., Rising City.....	Absent
Davidson, H. M., Hardy.....	Present
Puls, H. C., St. Mark's, Omaha.....	Absent
Augustine, A., Benedict.....	Absent
Fischer, H. K., Kountze Memorial, Omaha.....	Absent
Tilberg, W. E., Fremont.....	Present
Prestegaard, Gus, Lincoln.....	Present
Gieschenhagen, Otto, Grand Island.....	Present
Korff, H., Wayne.....	Absent
Smith, W. L., Grace, Omaha.....	Absent
Runge, Henry, South Sioux City.....	Present
Jenny, J. R., Leigh.....	Present
Jorn, B. F., Verdun.....	Present
Black, J. W., Allen.....	Present
Lehman, Henry, Stamford.....	Absent
Hankle, Fred, Beatrice.....	Absent
Bates, G. W., Salem, Dakota City.....	Present
Wassum, S. A., Tekamah.....	Present
Otto, W. E., York.....	Present
Haase, G. H., Emerson.....	Present
Thielke, H. A., St. Luke's, Omaha.....	Present
Meier, H. P., Hooper.....	Absent
Ottmann, W. F., Redeemer, Omaha.....	Present

CONGREGATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Have not been met until you have met your

BENEVOLENCE QUOTA

IN FULL

SEND IT TO
DR. JOS. H. MILLER
SURPRISE, NEBRASKA
MONTHLY

Proceedings
OF THE
Fiftieth Annual Convention
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

Wednesday Morning Session—October 11

Synod convened at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ponca, Nebraska, on Wednesday morning, October 11th, with Communion. Sermon preached by President O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

Business session called to order and opened according to the prescribed ritual of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Roll call.

Enrollment of Lay Delegates.

President reported. (Exhibit A).

Moved to fix bar of Synod at sixth row back.

Ordered that the hours of session be 8:30 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Ordered to proceed to the election of Secretary.

Ordered that the Secretary cast unanimous ballot of the Synod for Dr. Joseph H. Miller for Treasurer, and R. A. White, Historian. It was done.

Rev. W. F. Rangeler elected President.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. M. Koolen.

Wednesday Afternoon

Synod convened at 2 p. m., following an address by Hon. William Jennings Bryan on "Christianity vs. Evolution," by prayer by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.

Ordered that the seating of one of the two delegates from Dakota City pastorate be referred to the Adjudicating Committee.

President appointed committees. (Exhibit B).

Treasurer reported. (Exhibits C and C-1).

Auditing Committee appointed for Home Mission Committee Treasurer. President appointed Mr. William L. Smith and Mr. J. W. Black.

Ordered that as soon as this immediate ballot is taken, we give time to the photographer.

Ordered that Dr. F. G. Gotwald, Dr. J. F. Krueger, Rev. E. Walters, Rev. Otto Klatt and Rev. H. E. Dickey be received as advisory members of Synod and given the privilege of the floor.

Report of Adjudicating Committee as to seating delegates from Dakota City pastorate. (Exhibit D).

(G. W. Bates seated.)

Report of Statistician. Adopted. (Exhibits E and E-1):

Ordered that the incoming Statistician have delegate credential blanks printed.

Report of Historian. Adopted and ordered that the letter of Rev. Kuhlman referred to be copied and the original letter be returned to Rev. Kuhlman as he requests. (Exhibit F).

Report of Auditing Committee for Treasurer of Synod read by Mr. Joseph H. Miller, M. D. (Exhibit G.)

Mrs. R. M. Badger brought greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society. She presented a matter referring to an interdenominational school of missions or a strictly Lutheran School of Missions.

Ordered to commit this school matter as presented to a committee to report a year hence.

President appointed Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf and Rev. R. W. Livers.

Report of Proctocol Committee. Adopted with the instruction that the direction of the Synod as to the Grace Church matter (of Proctocol 1921) be recorded in in the Protocol only. (Exhibit H).

Rev. H. E. Dickey presented the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

Report of the Trustees of Midland College (Exhibit I). Pending adoption, Dr. J. F. Krueger in behalf of Midland College, and the Western Theological Seminary, and Dr. F. G. Gotwald in behalf of the Board of Education, addressed Synod. Report adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Utesch.

Thursday Morning Session, October 12

Devotions 8:00 to 8:30, by Rev. E. O. Wannagat.

Synod convened at 8:30, with prayer by Rev. H. F. Schmidt.

Roll call.

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home. Adopted. (Exhibit J).

Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement. Adopted. (Exhibit K).

Report of Committee on State of Church. Adopted. (Exhibit L).

Reporters appointed: To church papers, Rev. R. E. Rangeler; to daily press, Rev. R. Weismiller.

Report of Committee on Church Schools. (Exhibit M). Ordered to defer action until the consideration of report of Executive Committee at this Convention of Synod.

Report of Adjudicating Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit N).

Report of Ministerial Education Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit O).

Report of Auditing Committee for Synodical Missions' Treasurer. Referred to the Executive Committee for completion.

Report of Synodical Missionary Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit P).

Be It Resolved, That the Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the splendid sacrifice and faithful work of our Missionary Superintendent, the Rev. W. T. Kahse, and of our missionaries.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies. Adopted. (Exhibit Q).

Report of Committee on New Congregations. Adopted. (Exhibit R).

Committee on claims appointed: Rev. M. Koolen, D. D.; Rev. R. A. Helms, Dr. J. H. Miller.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers. Adopted. (Exhibit S).

Report of Committee on President's Report. Adopted. (Exhibit T).

Ordered that we receive Dr. John Seibert as an advisory member of Synod and grant him the courtesies of the floor.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. I. Guss.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Synod opened by President at 1:30, with prayer by Rev. G. W. Livers.

Report of Committee on Necrology. Adopted by prayer by President. (Exhibit U).

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference. Adopted. (Exhibit V).

Dr. John Seibert was heard on behalf of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Report of the Examining Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit W).

Report of Committee on Inner Missions. Adopted. (Exhibit X).

The committee which was appointed in accordance with the recommendations therein as to Lay Readers is the Examining Committee of the Synod.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Adopted. (Exhibit Y).

Report of the Executive Committee on the Synodical Paper matter. After a prolonged discussion, resulting in various changes, the action taken is recorded in Exhibit Z.

Report of Church School Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit M).

Report of Apportionment Committee. Adopted. (Exhibit AA).

Ordered that the Secretary of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., and Dr. E. A. Van Fleet for members of the Midland College Board of Trustees for a period of three years, and for Rev. R. M. Badger and Mr. J. H. Humpe for members of the Board of Trustees of Tabitha Home. It was done.

Ordered that in the election of the Executive Committee of Synod the three men having the highest number of votes be declared elected, and the highest for the longest term. The election resulted as follows: Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., for three years; Rev. R. W. Livers for two years, Rev. O. D. Baltzly for one year.

Report of Committee on Claims. Adopted and claims allowed. (Exhibit BB).

Report of Committee on Pooling of Expenses. Adopted and Rebates allowed. (Exhibit CC).

Report of Committee on Absence. Report adopted, and the incoming President directed to reprimand Rev. L. Ries and Rev. P. Mellonbrook for their absence since by action of the Synod the requests of these two brethren for excused absence was denied.

Ordered also that the incoming President call attention of the Church Councils of the Synod to that provision of the constitution which provides that the several churches pay the expenses of their pastor and the lay delegate to the Synod.

Ordered that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod accepting the invitation of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Emerson as the place of the next meeting of the Synod (1923). It was done.

Ordered that the 1923 session of Synod begin on Tuesday, October 9, 1923, at 2:00 P. M.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference. Adopted. (Exhibit EE).

Reports of Special Committees:

1. Report of Committee on Western Conference. Adopted. (Exhibit FF).

2. Committee on Constitution gave notice of an amendment. (Exhibit GG).

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Prof. Mendenhall, Ph. D.

Thursday Night Session

At the regular evening session at 8:00 o'clock Mr. Alfred O. Frank was licensed to preach the Gospel and to administer the Sacraments for a period of one year. Service conducted by the President and Secretary. (c. f. Exhibit W).

Synod convened in business session after the former service with prayer.

Ordered that the Synod enter into executive session.

Rev. W. I. Guss gave notice of an Amendment to the Constitution to be presented to Synod in 1923. (Exhibit HH).

Report of the Executive Committee on Standing Committees and Program for the coming Synodical year and sessions of the 1923 Synod. Adopted. (Exhibit II).

Ordered to continue the Committee on Church Architecture for another year, the members of which are to be the same as those appointed at the executive meeting at Fremont, February 14, 1922. The same is Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.,; Rev. G. B. Weaver, and the President of Synod.

Ordered that the Special Committee which has been appointed on the subject of Summer Training School for Leaders and Assembly be the committee to take charge of the recommendation (No. 3) of the Committee on Young People's Work (Exhibit Q) which deals with this matter of the training school.

Ordered that the above committee be increased to five, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint the other two members. (Already appointed—Revs. Guss, Fetterolf and Livers.)

Ordered to print 1,500 copies of the Minutes and to include the Minutes of the Women's Missionary Society.

Ordered that the retiring President express to Dr W. F. Rangeler our sympathy because of the sickness of his wife, and our earnest hope for her recovery.

Minutes read and approved.

Synod adjourned at 12:15 A. M., Friday morning, according to the regular form provided in the United Lutheran Church Ministerial Acts by Retiring President Baltzly, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., being absent.

EXHIBIT A.**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Esteemed and Honored Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We are assembled at the Fiftieth convention of our Synod in the third oldest congregation of the Synod, organized by the venerable and honored father of this body, J. F. Kuhlman. Our meeting with this congregation in Ponca is of special interest to your presiding officer, inasmuch as I was confirmed here thirty-six years ago last Pentecost. Rev. R. R. Weismiller, Pastor at Nebraska City, is also a son of this congregation which now entertains us.

The year which just comes to a close has been one, we believe, of steady progress, and while there is nothing of an unusual character to record, the reports of the brethren indicate a worthy administration of the supreme trust that has been committed to their charge.

Homes of Sorrow.

In the Providence of God, we have not been called upon to record the departure of any of our ministers. The messenger of Death, however, has entered the homes of three of our brethren.

On November 26th, 1921, Mrs. J. F. Kuhlman, wife of our esteemed Senior Minister of the Synod, departed this life at the age of 71 years, 2-months, 10 days.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Klink have suffered the loss of their precious little son.

Rev. Klaus de Freese has laid to rest his little daughter.

In accordance with the established custom, I herewith submit to you a record of events during the past year that pertains to the pastors and congregations of our Synod.

Resignations.

Rev. H. L. Greenawalt resigned the Paxton-Sutherland charge, effective April 9th, 1922, to accept a call to the Allen pastorate.

Rev. H. W. Saeger resigned the Stamford pastorate, effective April 9th, to leave the Synod.

Rev. C. Franklin Koch resigned the North Platte pastorate, effective July 15th, to accept a pastorate in another Synod.

Rev. R. A. Helms resigned the Hardy pastorate, effective September 30th, to accept a call to the McCool pastorate.

Dismissals.

April 1st, Rev. H. W. Saeger to the Buffalo Synod.

July 11th, Rev. C. Franklin Koch to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

October 22, 1921, Rev. E. A. Byers, Ph. D., to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwest Virginia.

Calls Accepted—Accessions to Synod.

The following calls were reported to me. The dates given are the dates when said calls became effective:

Rev. Geo. N. Mendenhal, Ph. D., has accepted a call to a Professorship in Midland College, and has presented his Letter for reception into the Synod.

Rev. A. Sohlem of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois, to Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha; effective February 1st, 1922.

Rev. Pearl Mellenbruch of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, to the Walton pastorate, effective July 1st.

Rev. Frederick J. Weertz of the Evangelical Lutheran Rocky Mountain Synod, to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha; effective October 1st, 1922.

Rev. C. Franklin Koch from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, to the North Platte pastorate; effective September 24th, 1922.

Rev. R. A. Helms from the Hardy pastorate to the McCool pastorate of our Nebraska Synod; effective October 1st.

Rev. H. L. Greenawalt accepted the call to Allen, effective April 10th.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., presented his Letter of Dismissal from the German Evangelical Synod of Nebraska to become a pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church at Leigh, Nebr., which church makes application for membership at this session of Synod. His reception became effective January 5th, 1922.

Installations.

Rev. Frederick J. Weertz was installed the Second Associate Pastor of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, October 16th, 1921. Rev. W. I. Guss delivered the charge to the congregation, and the President of the Synod addressed the Pastor and conducted the official act of installation.

Rev. Ralph Rangeler was installed Pastor of our Lutheran Church at Emerson, October 23rd, 1921. His father, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Rangeler, addressed the Pastor and congregation and conducted the official act of Installation.

Rev. E. O. Wannagat was installed pastor of the South Sioux City and Homer Pastorate. The Synodical Missionary, Rev. Wm. T. Kahse, gave the charge to both the congregation and Pastor and conducted the official act of Installation.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., asked to be installed as Pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Leigh, Nebr., which makes application for membership at this convention of Synod. The congregation having made such a request and Rev. Koolen being a member of the Synod, an installation service was conducted February 5th. Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph. D., D. D., delivered the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., addressed the congregation and conducted the official act of Installation.

Rev. A. Soholm was installed Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, February 9th. Rev. Holmes Dysinger gave the charge to the congregation. Rev. Dr. Luther M. Kuhns gave the address to the Pastor and conducted the official act of Installation.

Supplies.

Although we have been unable to secure pastors for some of our congregations, we have been very fortunate in having them supplied with very efficient young men from our Western Theological Seminary.

Mr. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, a Midler in the Western Theological Seminary, has supplied the church at Auburn, and has brought new life to the congregation. He will care for the church temporarily with the hope of the work becoming sufficiently established again to call a resident pastor.

Mr. Alfred Young, a Midler in the Western Theological Seminary, has rendered a very efficient service in the Oshkosh-Lewellen pastorate, conducting a catechetical class resulting in ten confirmations and the addition of ten other adult members to the church at Lewellen.

Mr. Thos. D. Rindy of the Midler class has been caring for the church at Oakland in a very acceptable manner.

Mr. F. H. Block of the Midler class has been looking after the work of the Dakota City charge in a most acceptable manner to the members of that parish.

Mr. Alfred O. Frank of the Senior class has been the very efficient supply of the church at Stella, Nebr.

Vacancies.

The President of Synod has carried on an extensive correspondence and had personal representatives visit some of the

more serious vacancies of the Synod with the following results:

Bruning has been very unfortunate in local experiences, but the work should be undoubtedly revived.

Eagle and Elmwood, near Lincoln, are at the point of disbanding and conditions are such that there is no hope for the re-establishment of these congregations.

Hardy is a commendable field, and in due time will call another pastor.

Hubbard does not seem to have any future.

Pawnee City is only a name.

Paxton-Sutherland will perhaps need some help, but will be re-established.

Potter has suffered seriously in the financial depression. There is a possibility of it being restored.

The Stamford pastorate has experienced an irregularity by the Emanuel congregation of that pastorate having secured the services of a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas. We have called their attention to the irregularity, and protested to the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas against a minister of that Synod supplying a church of one of our pastorates, thereby making it impossible for the pastorate to call a pastor. We have protested also to the minister of said Synod, Rev. A. L. Groseclose, calling his attention to the irregularity and requesting him to discontinue services. We had hoped to have this matter adjusted before this session of Synod, but up to this time we have had no assurances. It will doubtless call for a personal visit of the incoming President to adjust the situation.

Letters Received and Approved by the Examining Committee.

Rev. A. Soholm, Letter of Dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois.

Rev. C. Franklin Koch, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

Rev. Pearl Mellenbruch from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

Rev. George N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., Letter of Dismissal from the German Evangelical Synod of Nebraska.

Improvements and Items of Interest.

The year that has just closed has witnessed a commendable interest on the part of many churches in our Synod, a record

of which is herewith entered for the encouragement of our people.

Allen—City water brought into the church and parsonage, at a valuation of \$200.00.

Auburn—City walks placed about the church.

Beatrice—Excavating basement for the church at a cost of \$300.00.

Benedict—A good Missionary Society.

Davenport—Balance of \$780.00 on an indebtedness paid. Three dozen additional hymn books purchased. Sunday School reached its highest attendance.

Emerson—Church building repaired and concrete improvements, amounting to \$730.00.

Falls City—Church building enlarged at the expense of \$1,500.00.

Fremont—Salem Church—Parsonage purchased at the cost of \$7,000.00.

Grand Island—New church front; church tower; enlarged, additional seating for 150 added; church replastered, interior and exterior repainted; greatly improved. Cost \$13,000.00.

Gretna—A new piano platform, individual Communion set, three dozen new hymnals, new offering plates. Total, \$402.25.

Hampton—The new parsonage completed, cost \$4,000.00; interior remodeling of church, \$500.00.

Hooper—Curbing, parking and grading; cost \$200.00.

Leigh—All obligations of the church paid; property free of debt.

Lincoln—Debt on parsonage cancelled in the amount of \$1,160.00.

Nebraska City—Street paving to both sides of church, giving the church a commanding appearance; cost \$700.00.

Oakland—Paving about the church; cost \$1,400.00.

Omaha—Church of Our Redeemer—paid off the last interest bearing indebtedness in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Benson—English Lutheran Church—new steam heating system and basement rebuilt in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Omaha—Grace Church—church has been reshingled and interior repainted; cost \$1,100.00.

Omaha—St. Luke's—sold former parsonage, placing receipts in the new church lots. Financial campaign for new church site and building.

Omaha—St. Marks—new blower and repairs on the organ, \$170.00.

Omaha—Kountze Memorial—new mission building at Forty-second and Bancroft streets, \$9,500.00. Church supporting a Missionary in India.

Ponca—Entire interior of church and Sunday School room and pastor's study repaired and redecorated. Exterior of church properly painted and partly shingled.

Rising City—New velvet carpet for the chancel; rubber matting on the steps to basement, \$180.55. Church supporting a Bible woman in India and a girl in the boarding school in India, and also a teacher.

Sidney—General improvements at Sidney, \$160.00; at Gurley, \$200.00.

South Sioux City—Installation of Electric lights; four dozen Common Service books, \$125.00. Church has purchased a very desirable lot for a new church building, \$1,000.00.

Stella—New linoleum in the parsonage.

Verdun—Remodeling steps to church, painting church and parsonage; \$600.00.

Wayne—Parsonage papered and painted, interior and exterior, \$400.00; paid on paving, \$1,100.00.

Walton—Painting the church, \$155.00; new hymn books, \$30.00; cross for the altar, \$60.00; parsonage completed, furnace, \$150.00. Church refinished, interior. Plans made for the cancellation of parsonage debt.

West Point—Art windows repaired, screened; roof repaired, \$225.00. This church entertained the State Luther League Convention, September 29th to October 1st.

Wilber—New church bulletin board. Church platform enlarged.

York—New garage has been built; cost \$80.00.

New Congregations

It is with genuine pleasure that we can report again applications of new congregations for membership into this Synod:

The St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Leigh, Nebr., of which the Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., is the very efficient pastor, a very substantial congregation with a splendid church, free of debt, made application for membership into this Synod.

A new congregation has been organized by Rev. H. L. Schmidt at Chalco, Nebr., which will become a part of the Gretna charge. This congregation will make application for membership in the Synod.

Questionnaires

About the first part of the year, the President of the Synod sent a questionnaire to the pastors of Synod relative to the resolution that was passed at the last annual convention of this Synod, which resolution was presented and adopted at the request of the United Lutheran Church in convention at Washington, relative to having a separate treasurer for Benevolence, and asking if the congregation did not have such a separate treasurer for Benevolence, whether the pastors would comply with the recommendation of Synod and of the United Lutheran Church.

Seventeen of the congregations reported that they did not have separate treasurers; three of these congregations reported they would comply; four reported doubtful; ten of them reported "No." Eight of the congregations reported they had two separate treasurers.

In answer to the inquiry whether they would send in the monthly remittance of Benevolence, fourteen replied they were sending a month remittance; thirteen replied they were not. Five replied they would, five replied they probably would, and two of them replied they would not.

The reports which the President of Synod received from time to time from the Treasurer of Synod relative to the Benevolences indicated that the compliance with that recommendation was very greatly needed. In the interest of a better response to Benevolence, we believe the acceptance of this recommendation would be most profitable to our congregations, for the conditions of our Benevolence during the year, as a Synod, was anything but satisfactory. If the recommendation of last session of Synod and of the United Lutheran Church was accepted, we are confident that much of the unpleasantness experienced in the raising of the Benevolence would be obviated. We desire to call attention to the fact that the Constitution of this Synod, article 8, section 2, requires a monthly remittance of Benevolence.

The Every Member Canvass

The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church has again approved of the Every Member Canvass to be made during the Thanksgiving week. We believe there is a greater advantage in having this general canvass made throughout the Church at the same time. The members of our congregations feel that it is larger than a local matter, and, so far as pos-

sible, we believe that the Every Member Canvass that can be made when the general canvass is made throughout the Church is profitable. It gives greater prestige to the announcement when it can be stated that the whole church is taking part in such a program.

Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary

We desire to commend the pastors and the churches for their commendable response to the exceedingly urgent appeals that were made during the summer to avert the serious disaster that threatened our institution at Fremont. This response is a pleasing indication of the value in which the people of this state hold our cherished institution, and is a gratifying evidence of their willingness to support and maintain an institution of the church which is so vital to the Christian faith in our day.

We believe the Board of Directors of the College could not have found a more acceptable President in the length and breadth of our church than the popular and capable professor in our Western Theological Seminary, Dr. J. F. Krueger. Under his administration, we are confident that the institution will be carried forward with great care, efficiency and success. We believe that we are most fortunate in having him for the new President, and we trust that every pastorate in the Synod will be open to him at all times, and that our congregations may have an increased realization of the value of this institution in our midst.

A Reconsideration Sought

In the readjustment and reassignment of General Boards of the Church at the Washington convention, it was most wisely decided that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions should be located at Chicago, Ill., to be nearer the field of operation.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions have appealed to the Executive Committee to reconsider this action and have asked that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions be located at Philadelphia.

The Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church have referred the appeal to the coming convention of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo.

This Synod should express itself in the most vigorous language against the re-location of this Board, and we should instruct our delegates to record their most vigorous protest against such action. We cannot believe that the United Lutheran

Church, however, will make this mistake. The great Home Mission and Church Extension field in the Middle-west and the largest number of Lutherans in this country, though not of the United Lutheran Church, are west of Ohio.

The Harrisburg Meeting

The President of the United Lutheran Church called a meeting of the presidents of the constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church at Harrisburg during February of this year. The President of your Synod attended.

He was impressed with the earnestness with which the work of the church is being conducted in the constituent Synods of our great body. He felt the power of the real United Lutheran Church.

The necessity of a better organization of the organized body of the church was stressed with emphasis. The congregational polity of our church was fully recognized, but the manner in which that congregational polity has been administered has not been as effective as it should be.

The advisability of functioning through the established offices and officers of the Church in general, and of the Synods, was presented with much merit.

Those Synods which are equipped with presiding officers who can give their full time and attention to the interests of the congregations within their Synods, are evidently working with greater efficiency and satisfaction to all concerned and to the larger interests of the Kingdom of Christ.

A Full Time President

In the administration of the affairs of Synod these past two years, during which you have entrusted the care of the Synod to your retiring presiding officer, I have come to realize the urgent necessity of a larger attention to the affairs of Synod than any pastor can possibly give, except to the serious neglect of his own pastorate. I believe that all of the presidents who have preceded me have had the same experience. For a pastor to administer the office of president means one of two things. He must either neglect his pastorate or he will not be able to look after the interests of the Synod with that degree of care that is profitable to the Synod.

The weaker churches need the personal attention and help of one who has time to give them thoughtful attention. They may need several visits even during the year. A wise presi-

dent who could give all his time to the Synod, could visit the congregations of the Synod and could be of invaluable help to the pastors in many cases. He could bring encouragement in many instances where encouragement is actually needed. He could speak with Church Councils about their churches and about the general work of the Synod.

We believe that no greater or more profitable step could be taken by our Synod than to have a president whose whole time could be given to the congregations and duties of our Synod.

We have asked the Committee on the Constitution to present at this session an amendment to our constitution which will make possible the election of a full time president a year hence.

Recommendations

First. We recommend that the Synod again approve of the Every Member Canvass to be held during Thanksgiving week, and that as far as compatible that our congregations co-operate in this united effort which is to be observed throughout the United Lutheran Church.

Second. That we re-emphasize the importance of every congregation having two treasurers, one for its Current Expense and one for its Benevolences, and that we urge all our pastors to comply with this recommendation.

Third. We recommend the continuation of the meeting of the Presidents of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church at least once in two years.

Fourth. That we instruct our Delegates to the coming Convention of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo, N. Y., to protest vigorously against a relocation of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension from Chicago.

Fifth. That in view of the attendance of Clerical and Lay Delegates representing this Synod at the meeting of the United Lutheran Church this month at Buffalo, that such an allowance be made for the expenses of the delegates to the convention in the matter of room and board as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Again permit me to express my appreciation of the kindness and support of my brethren during this second year of the trust which you committed to me at the last session of Synod. It has only been by the cordial co-operation of the members of

this Synod that the affairs of Synod have been attended to with any degree of efficiency at all, for it is impossible for a Pastor-President, himself, to give such attention to the duties of Synod as the occasion requires. I am, therefore, deeply indebted to many of you for your help.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,

President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

EXHIBIT B

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President's Report

Rev. J. A. Fetterolf, Rev. A. Soholm, Rev. A. K. Walborn.

Leave of Absence

Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Rev. R. A. Helms, Mr. Otto Gisenhagen.

Pooling Committee

Rev. C. S. Powel, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Mr. J. W. Black.

Letters and Papers

Rev. H. J. Schmidt, Rev. John C. Hershey, Mr. W. F. Ottman.

New Congregations

Rev. Klas de Freese, Rev. Ralph B. Rangeler, Mr. Andrew Yost.

South Platte Conference

Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. John Utesch, Mr. Gus Prestegard.

North Platte Conference

Rev. E. O. Wannegat, Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Mr. H. M. Davidson.

Apportionment Committees

Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. Fred J. Weertz, Mr. E. W. Otto.

Resolutions

Rev. C. F. Koch, Rev. Geo. Dorn, Rev. M. Koolen, D. D.

Committee to Confer With Committee from Women's Missionary Society Relative to Summer School of Mission

Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Rev. Ralph Livers.

EXHIBIT C**TREASURER'S REPORT****Receipts**

Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 5,038.56
For the United Lutheran Church, apportionment....	16,380.27
For Synod Treasury	1,763.25
For Synodical Missions.....	2,035.51
For Ministerial Education.....	1,263.42
For Tabitha Home	2,034.95
For Seminary Contingent Fund.....	561.52
For Synodical Paper.....	210.57
For Foreign Missions, specials.....	2,155.47
For National Lutheran Council, Near East Relief...	2,113.44
For Pastor's Fund, special.....	20.00
For Board of Education, special.....	21.12
For Pacific Seminary	50.00
For Nachusa Home.....	38.75
For Home Missions, special.....	6.00
For Brown's Memorial.....	8.33
For Western Theological Seminary.....	38.00
For Midland College, pledges for removal from Atchison	2,464.30
For Midland College, current expenses.....	5,672.79
Total.....	\$41,876.25

Disbursements

Treasurer United Lutheran Church, apportionment..	\$16,380.27
Treasurer United Lutheran Church, on specials:	
Foreign Missions	\$2,155.47
Pastor's Fund	20.00
Board of Education	21.12
Pacific Seminary	50.00
Home Missions	6.00
Brown's Memorial	8.33
	2,260.92
Treasurer Synodical Missionary Committee.....	2,035.51
Treasurer Tabitha Home	2,034.95
Treasurer Western Seminary, Contingent Fund, apportionment	561.52

Treasurer Western Seminary, specials	83.27
Treasurer National Lutheran Council.....	2,113.44
Treasurer Nachusa Home	38.75
Treasurer Midland College	8,137.09

From Ministerial Education Fund:

Alfred O. Frank.....	\$ 200.00
A. W. Young.....	200.00
Lawrence Martin	300.00
Max Harder	175.00
Walter Voss	175.00
Henry Dumler	175.00
Henry Scherer	175.00
Antone E. Jensen.....	175.00
Paul White	175.00

1,750.00

Paid from Synodical Treasury:

Luella Jacobson	\$ 54.00
H. Anderson	1.50
C. S. Powell.....	4.42
W. H. Newbomer.....	3.92
G. B. Weaver.....	31.57
E. C. Mortensen.....	4.22
H. L. Greenawalt.....	13.28
C. F. Koch.....	58.26
R. M. Badger.....	1.56
H. W. Saeger.....	10.14
John Petring	1.00
Wm. Hoffman	7.60
R. A. White.....	5.56
Jos. H. Miller.....	53.63
J. H. Fetterolf.....	10.00
C. R. Lowe.....	50.55
O. D. Baltzly.....	118.91
R. P. Ross.....	10.00
Lillian Jacobson	6.50
Corey McKanzie Printing Co.....	65.00
Anna Anderson	13.80
Hoyt & Akers.....	627.22
Dwelling House Mutual Insurance Co...	4.00
K. de Freese.....	1.32
H. Schmidt	1.32
Geo. Dorn	5.00

Carl G. Aue.....	2.80
W. T. Kahse.....	5.20
Western Union Telegraph Co.....	16.69
Franklin Printing House.....	3.00
W. F. Rangeler.....	7.64
Adele Schmitz	5.35
Myrtle Anderson	7.80
	1,231.06
Cash on hand.....	5,249.47
Total.....	\$41,876.25
Cash on hand is as follows:	
Synodical Treasury	\$2,041.65
Ministerial Education	2,326.05
Home Mission Reserve.....	671.20
Synodical Paper	210.57
Total receipts for the year.....	\$36,837.69
Received on Apportionment.....	23,399.27
Deficit on Apportionment.....	4,578.73
Churches that met or exceeded Apportionment.....	26
Churches paying nothing on Apportionment.....	7

We can see decided improvement in Benevolence paid by those churches which have adopted the every member canvass bi-pocket envelope system.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. MILLER, Treasurer.

EXHIBIT C-1 TREASURER'S EXHIBIT

	Assessed	Paid on Assessment	Paid on Specials	Totals
Allen.....	\$ 364.00	\$ 364.50	\$ 151.00	\$ 515.50
Auburn.....	179.00	57.00	134.00	191.00
Beatrice.....	588.00	379.00	90.21	469.50
Benedict, Bethel.....	88.00	88.00	24.50	112.50
Benedict, Zion.....	257.00	172.47	170.70	343.17
Bruning.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Creston.....	240.00	240.00	73.57	313.57
Dakota, Emmanuel.....	23.00	23.00	.....	23.00
Dakota, Salem.....	316.00	201.75	112.48	314.23
Davenport.....	413.00	284.96	232.36	497.32
Eagle.....	101.00	.....	.....	.....
Elmwood.....	65.00	.....	.....	.....
Emerson.....	556.00	557.56	586.20	1,143.76
Ericson.....	94.00	38.00	40.00	78.00
Falls City.....	595.00	249.65	56.25	78.00
Fremont.....	715.00	715.00	656.60	1,371.60
Grand Island.....	1,108.00	731.00	44.00	775.00
Gretna.....	423.00	172.00	30.60	202.60
Gurley.....	91.00	91.00	158.38	249.23
Hampton.....	241.00	187.00	55.05	242.05

	Assessed	Paid on Assessments	Paid on Specials	Totals
Hardy.....	198.00	198.00	20.00	218.00
Homer.....	127.00	.....	35.00	35.00
Hooper.....	582.00	480.00	248.00	728.00
Hubbard.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Jewell.....	88.00	90.00	58.75	148.75
Lelgh.....	284.00	254.00	30.00	284.00
Lincoln.....	879.00	879.00	170.17	1,049.17
Lewellen.....	91.00	91.00	70.00	161.00
McCool Junction.....	111.00	15.35	.....	15.35
Nebraska City.....	351.00	254.11	46.50	300.61
North Platte.....	1,004.00	1,004.00	347.00	1,351.00
Oakland.....	185.00	185.00	162.00	347.00
Omaha, Benson.....	455.00	461.00	43.50	504.50
Omaha, Grace.....	670.00	215.54	122.00	337.54
Omaha, Kountze Memorial.....	8,404.00	8,404.00	4,503.30	12,907.30
Omaha, Redeemer.....	549.00	551.00	77.35	628.38
Omaha, St. Luke's.....	793.00	110.00	24.50	134.50
Omaha, St. Mark's.....	887.00	939.00	320.02	1,259.02
Ohkosh.....	88.00	88.00	36.00	124.00
Pawnee.....	42.00	3.00	11.00	14.00
Paxton.....	299.00	40.00	44.93	84.93
Ponca.....	530.00	530.00	124.25	654.25
Potter.....	81.00		25.00	25.00
Rising City.....	276.00	319.45	2,306.13	2,625.58

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	Assessed	Paid on Assessments	Paid on Specials	Totals
Sidney.....	81.00	81.50	184.75	266.25
South Sioux City.....	172.00	26.35	31.30	57.65
Stamford, Trinity.....	192.00	45.00	20.00	65.00
Stamford, Emmanuel.....	133.00	.....	.....	.....
Stella.....	81.00	121.00	50.00	171.00
Sutherland.....	101.00	166.00	152.78	318.78
Tekamah.....	166.00	166.00	152.78	318.78
Walton.....	309.00	309.00	80.35	389.35
Wayne.....	754.00	458.00	171.27	629.27
West Point.....	1,268.10	1,268.00	734.04	2,022.04
Wilber.....	137.00	115.00	124.70	239.70
Wolbach.....	390.00	283.00	75.00	358.00
York.....	302.00	200.00	53.68	253.68
Verdon.....	367.00	367.00	240.52	607.52
Synod in Session.....	.....	21.23	.....	21.23
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.....	.....	20.00	20.00	40.00
J. G. Happell.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
C. R. Lowe.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00
Fred Tilberg.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00
Hugh Miller.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00
H. W. Frericks.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00
Interest on deposits.....	.....	249.33	.....	249.33
Totals.....	\$27,978.00	\$23,399.27	\$12,438.42	\$56,837.69

EXHIBIT D

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE ON SEATING DELEGATE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA PASTORATE

We recommend:

First. That George W. Bates be seated as Delegate to represent charge.

Second. That D. M. Neiswanger be given opportunity to present any matter pertaining to re-opening service in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church to the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL G. AUE.

EXHIBIT E

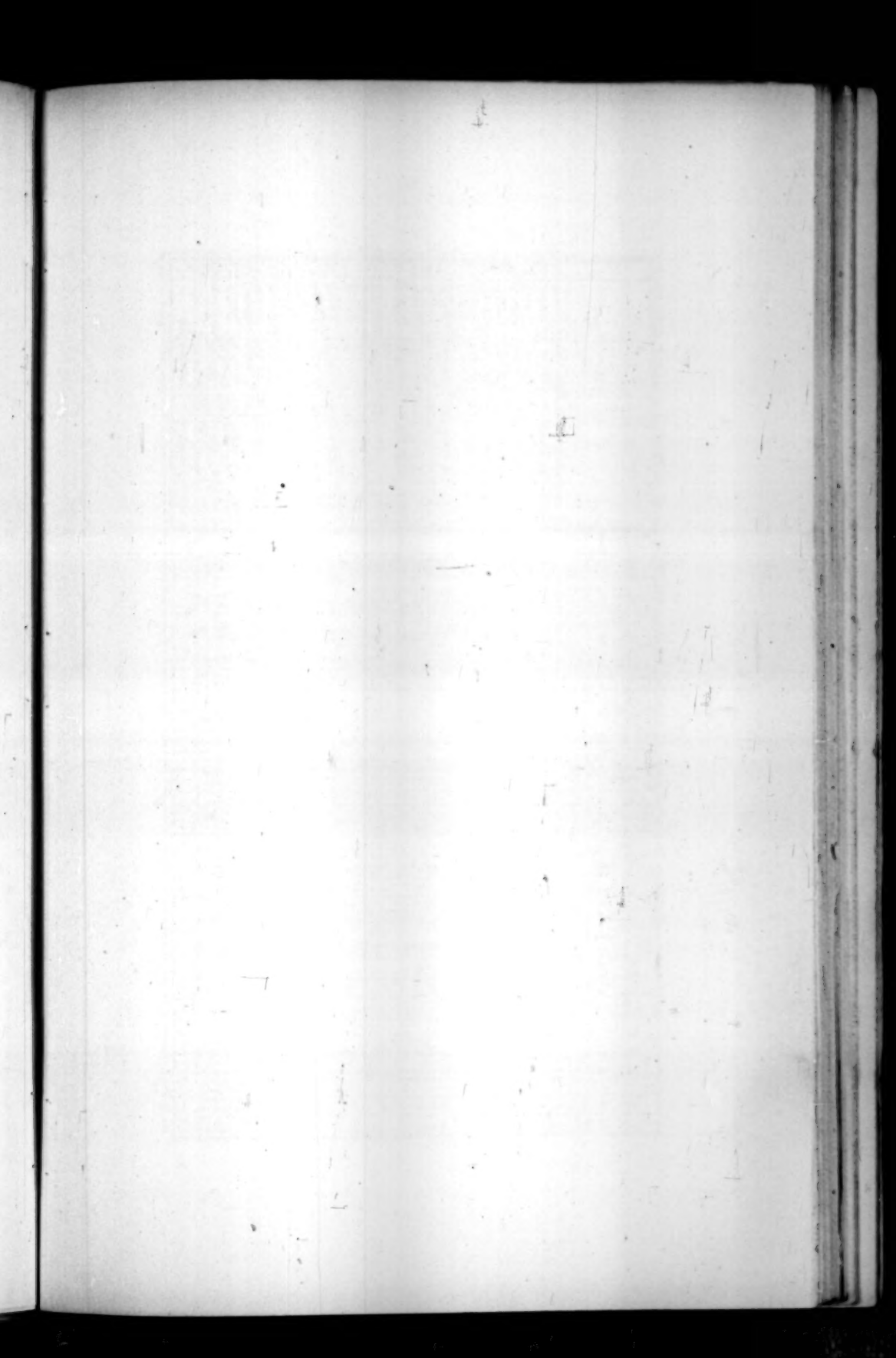
REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

A few items compiled from the Assembly Sheet and the Parochial Reports are always interesting. Here are no beautiful theories, but just cold facts. I will not give figures here but ask you to examine the Assembly Sheet, which should be studied by every member of Synod.

There have been increases in many items. The Nebraska Synod now has a baptized membership of 14,297, and a confirmed membership of 10,458. There has been an increase in baptized, confirmed and communing members, infant and adult baptisms, confirmations, church papers, Sunday School teachers and officers, home department, week-day school, catechumens, students for the ministry, students in colleges; men's, women's and young people's organizations and membership. There was a loss of two churches, one Sunday School, and 200 Sunday School scholars.

In finances there was quite an increase in the valuation of church property, also the indebtedness, in current and unusual expenses, in paid apportioned and unapportioned benevolence, and quite a lot in the deficit column. Twenty-five congregations paid the benevolence in full, five having an excess. In total benevolence and total expenditures there is a splendid increase.

Your Statistician believes that a number of pastors report to other church papers such as should be reported Synodical papers. If this is not true, we are not using our own literature as we should.



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Record of attainment in the Standard of Excellence by the Y L M S of the Nebraska Synod.		IN ISRAEL EVERY FIRST-BORN WAS JEHOVAH'S HANNAH GAVE HER SON SAMUEL TO THE SPECIAL SER- VICE OF JEHOVAH LONG BEFORE HE WAS BORN WHEN OUR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS DEDICATE THEIR SONS TO THE MINISTRY AS HANNAH DID THE CHURCH WILL NOT LACK MEN & MONEY	
PASTORATE		1	20% Observing Daily Prayer for Nations
Fremont, Salem		2	25% Increase in Members
Fremont, Midland		3	12 Meetings & Lessons
North Platte		4	1 Public Meeting
Omaha, Grace		5	5% Leading in Prayer
Omaha, Knaplan Mem		6	100% of Women does her member
Omaha, St. Mark's		7	Mission Study Class
Omaha, St. Luke's		8	Delegates to Summer School of Missions
Verilon	New Society	9	Semi-Annual Report by Statistical Sec.
Emerson	New Society	10	Quarterly Report by Treas.
	New Society	11	Delegates to Convention
	New Society	12	Thank Offering
	New Society	13	Christmas Offering
	New Society	14	Lenten Offering
	New Society	15	Junior Mission Offering
	New Society	16	Home & Foreign or Inner Mission Offering
	New Society	17	\$5 for India Africa or Japan Bazaar
	New Society	18	\$10 Share for Support of Miss Miller, Davenport, or Dungen or Dungen
	New Society	19	Refutation in Office
	New Society	20	TOTAL

P. A. G. H. I. N. S.										Value of Church Property		Emigration		Admission		Unaffiliated		Total		Total		Total	
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Record of W.M.S. of Nebr in Standard of Excellence

Join a Mission Study Class	Standard of Excellence											
	Net Increase in Membership	Mission Study Classes	Average Attendance	Number of Members	Number of Active Members	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge	Number of Members in Charge
Pastorate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Allen	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Auburn	Disbanded											
Beatrice			•	•								
Benedict Bethel												
Benedict Zion	•	•	•	•	•							
Benson		•	•	•	•							
Dakota City		•	•	•								
Emerson			•									
Falls City												
Fremont	•	•	•	•	•							
Grand Island			•									
Hardy												
Hooper		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lincoln 100%	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
North Platte 100%	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Oakland												
Omaha Our Redeemer	•		•									
Omaha Mount Zion		•										
St Luke's		•	•									
St Mark's	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ponca	•	•	•									
Nebraska City	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rising City	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stella		•	•	•	•							
South Sioux City	•	•										
Tekamah	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Verdon	New Society											
Wayne		•										
West Point		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Walton	•	•	•									
Wilbur	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wolbach												
York												

The Aim of the W.M.S. is a Missionary Society in every Lutheran Congregation. We must look to the Pastors to do much preliminary work in Congregations where there is no Society. Advertising pays. Merchants' Churches are beginning to look favorably upon proper paid publicity. That is why we are writing this. We have depended on Apollation & Education. Now we ask all Society less Pastors to advocate actively the organization of a Missionary Society in their Congregations.

This report is more correct in figures than last year, for the Statistician had to make out only ten reports this year as against sixteen last year. One pastor sent in no report, and another one sent one too late to be used. If all Parochial Reports were to come in a week before the opening of Synod as Synod orders, the Statistician would be overcome with joy.

Fifteen pastors continue to report the cents. There is some excuse for the student supply pastors, but mighty poor excuse for those who have been told every year for a long, long time. Please make use of s-e-n-s-e and report dollars and not c-e-n-t-s.

Twenty-two pastors reported Sunday Schools under week-day church schools. Week-day schools and Sunday Schools are not the same. Please report Sunday Schools at the place provided for them. The Synod made a start in week-day or vacation schools. One pastor had a vacation school with good results, and he recommends it very highly. There should be a number reported next year.

The pastors need to remember that there are three conferences in the Synod: North Platte, South Platte and Western. That division was made by Synod and must remain until Synod changes it. It would be well to have a map of the Synod and conferences in the minutes as had been done till within the last few years.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER, Statistician.

EXHIBIT F

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Five clerical members were received during the year, and three were dismissed, making a net gain of two. Early in September, I sent some photographs and other material to Rev. W. T. Kahse, who, with the help of Dr. C. B. Harman, is preparing an exhibit of the Nebraska Synod for the Buffalo convention.

I have prepared a tabulated exhibit showing the names of men who have entered the ministry from congregations of the Nebraska Synod. They are twenty-five in number, from fourteen congregations. The largest number from any charge is Dakota City, with six, and Wolbach and Ponca next, with three each. You are asked to examine this exhibit.

The expense for postage, parcels post and telephone calls amounts to one dollar.

The Historian read a letter from Rev. J. F. Kuhlman requesting the return of the letter he sent to the Synod last year.

A motion prevailed that the report be adopted, and the letter be copied and the original be returned to Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Historian.

EXHIBIT G

To the Pastors and Officers of the Evangelical
Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the President, have this day audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and have found them correct, the cash account being in balance with the State Bank of Surprise, Surprise, Nebraska.

Total receipts	\$41,876.25
Total disbursements	36,626.78

Book balance	\$ 5,249.47
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CARL G. KAESSNER (Chairman),
Kountze Memorial Church.

V. B. ELSEFFER,
Church of Our Redeemer.
Auditing Committee.

Dated Omaha, Nebraska, October 7, 1922.*

EXHIBIT H

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

The names of Rev. M. Koolen of Leigh and Rev. A. Soholm are omitted from the minutes of the Synod.

Immediately preceding the President's report, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at Fremont, February 14, 1922, are omitted from the Synodical minutes.

On page 15 the name of Frederick is misspelled.

On page 35 the name of Mr. Blesel appears as Deisel.

On page 49 the word committee is misspelled in both the protocol and the minutes.

Exhibit P is omitted from the minutes.

On page 65 the wording "Exhibit Z-1" is omitted from the minutes.

Exhibits "BB" and "BBB" are also omitted from the minutes of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MORTENSEN, Chairman.

EXHIBIT I

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

The meeting of the Board of Midland College last spring was a long session and fraught with difficulty. The cloud of debt had so thickened as to drive the entire body almost to despair and it cast its ugly shadow all over the deliberations. This shadow will unavoidably spread itself also over this report. Another thing or two shall, however, precede the presentation of the financial or "deficit" situation.

In the course of the meeting, Dr. E. E. Stauffer presented his resignation, which was accepted. All hearts seemed to turn spontaneously to but one man, who, momentarily, was termed "our Moses," while later his responsibility was advanced to that as expressed in "our Joshua," for it was felt that we were already in the wilderness and our situation was calling for some one to lead us out. Across the wireless space, Dr. J. F. Krueger was informed of his election. In the face of the difficulty he knew confronting him, out of pure love for his alma mater, Dr. Krueger, "out of the cradle of the deep," wired us, "Accept presidency." The doctor has said concerning this: "No one knows what it cost me to send those two words." We all know that Dr. Krueger is in his place—realizing the great task he has assumed, though cheered by encouraging evidences on every hand.

A good many changes have been made in the faculty. Eleven new professors had to be employed. The President says, "We seem to have been very fortunate in securing the services of men and women who will co-operate with us in building up Midland. A fine spirit is prevailing in the faculty." All the Synods seem to be co-operating. A good many pastors of the German Synod are inviting Dr. Krueger to visit their congregations, and the Synod at its last session passed favorable resolutions which included the taking of offerings for Midland College.

The enrollment of students is not quite up to that of a year ago, due no doubt to the influence of distressing letters sent out during the summer in the emergency call. We give the figures compared with a year ago:

Enrollment—	1921	1922
College	175	148
Academy	42	...
Sub-Freshmen	...	14
Commercial	62	35
Fine Arts	89	35

This shortage in students does not, however, increase our deficit. We have dispensed with the Academy, have added no new professor to the Seminary teaching force and have reduced in other departments by doubling up work for teachers who already have more than their share. In this way we are paying \$41,832.84, instead of \$47,981.84 as last year, a saving here of \$6,149.00. We are confident, too, that next year the roll will ascend more than it came down. However, Dr. Krueger has given the real facts in the case.

As to the matter of new buildings, we would report that the Board appointed a Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to work out a design to be submitted to the Board at its annual meeting next June. There are weighty reasons why we should begin building during this next year. Some new building will, therefore, no doubt be started next summer or fall.

On the part of the finances we will give the bare facts. And these naturally collate in two departments—real estate, and the distribution thereof; and running expenses, and the debts thereof.

On the Seminary property there is now a debt of \$15,000.00. The value of this property is approximately \$200,000.00. There is outstanding in pledges for the Seminary about \$50,000.00. On the College property there remains a debt of \$3,500.00. The Treasurer says there are due on pledges about \$100,000.00. There was pledged to secure the removal of the

Institution	\$319,740.57
There has been paid in on this.....	161,002.19

This has been placed as follows:

On Seminary property.....	19,500.00
On College property	4,000.00
Loan to running expenses.....	10,000.00
Paid on "Race Track".....	17,500.00
Paid on Military Avenue property.....	11,400.00

The fourth item is counted in our running expense deficit; and the fifth and sixth will be returned to the building fund as soon as the properties in which this has been invested will be disposed of. On these sales there must be some loss, but this will be considerably more than made up in the purchase of the Seminary property at so low a sum.

On the running expenses there was a deficit last June of \$42,337.82, with \$12,553.30 unprovided for and no ability to borrow any more as an institution. It was then decided as the only alternative to send out a distress signal to the church, through the Executive Committees of our Synods, and a Committee of the Board was appointed for the carrying of this resolution into immediate effect. This Committee and the Executive Committees of our Synods have done their best, spending much time and effort in making the call the most effective possible. To date there has come in from this call to Treasurer Dahl a total of \$5,831.67. Our own Synod has raised \$4,143.74. It can readily be seen how far we have come short on this.

During the past, the school each year has run a deficit. We brought along from Atchison one of \$6,978.00, which is a part of the "running expense debt" given at the close of the preceding paragraph. (In writing it comes to mind that some may not know what was done with the proceeds from the sale of the Atchison property. The balance left after the debt on the gymnasium was paid was \$30,000.000. Twenty-five thousand of this has been invested to be put into a Carnegie Library and \$5,000.00 into a Griffith Memorial building. This you see, is being conserved for the purpose for which it was given.) To guarantee the prevention of a future deficit this has been voted by the Board: "That we keep our expenses within our income at all times." The Executive Committee on June 5th seconded this motion thus: "That this Committee go on record as being absolutely in favor of keeping within the income of the School for 1922 and 1923, and that the Committee hereby pledges itself to use whatever means are necessary to carry out this resolution in letter and spirit." Furthermore, a new system of accounting has been inaugurated, looking to the carrying out of the above resolution. Here are again the cold facts in the case. With the present assured income there will be for the next two semesters a deficit of \$7,276.00. The Executive Committee are hoping that the church will take care of this. But, if not, there is but one alternative—to cut it from the salaries for the second semester, a cut of 16.2-3%. Since some of the

professors are now so poorly paid, can we reasonably do this? Besides, since we have cut departments and assigned additional labors to our teachers, can we justly make this reduction from their compensation? For permanent information we deem it worth the extra precious space to include the budget and assured income for the School Year of 1922 and 1923:

Expenses—		Income—	
Salaries	\$41,832	Board of Education...	\$ 9,000
Janitors	2,000	Tuition (College)	12,000
Office and Traveling ..	1,110	Tuition (Commercial) ..	5,500
Advertising	1,500	Dormitories, Rent	2,000
Coal, Gas, Light, etc...	4,500	Endowment & Interest ..	8,166
Interest & Insurance ..	1,300	School of Fine Arts ...	1,500
Library and Papers ...	500	Commercial 3rd Term ..	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,200	Due from Bd. of Ed... ..	6,750
Total.....		Total	
\$54,192		\$46,916	
		DEFICIT	
		\$ 7,276	

From the foregoing statements it will readily be seen that the two paramount things that confront us are the running expense debts, and the support of the School in its running expense in the future. In these times we realize that the situation must be handled patiently, and yet it must be relieved in some way by the churches largely on our territory. The Board relative to the support of the School passed this resolution: "That we ask the Synods on our territory to make an apportionment of not less than \$1.00 per member per year for the support of the School, or that the Synods apportion the funds needed annually by the College against each congregation, based on its ability to give."

Recommendations

First. That we pledge our most hearty and fullest co-operation to Dr. Krueger in relieving the Institution from the present distressing situation and in the upbuilding of that School for which he has so ardently hoped, and to which he has consecrated his splendid ability and strength and faith.

Second. That we most earnestly co-operate in the movement that is being planned to secure young men for the ministry, as well as new students in general, in order thereby also to increase our annual income for the support of the School.

Third. That we ask our churches to assume their share of the support of Midland College and that the amount needed to

meet next year's budget be urged upon the people; that to provide for this responsibility each of our congregations be asked to set apart the "Day of Prayer for Colleges," the last Sunday in February, as Midland College Day, on which Sunday, in both church and church school, an offering be taken for said College; that on the Sunday previous, the needs of Midland College be presented and an appeal be made for the offering that shall be taken on the following Sunday. And that envelopes, furnished by the college, is given to every member of the church and church school on this Sunday when the cause is presented. The goal of each church's offering shall be one dollar per communing member, and the raising of this dollar shall be regarded a moral obligation. The Secretary of the Synod shall make a separate report at the next meeting of Synod of the amount that each congregation pays during the Synodical year of the above obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN, for the Trustees.

EXHIBIT J

Brethren of the Nebraska Synod:

The blessings of the Father Almighty have been experienced in a large measure by Tabitha Home the last year. Forty-eight children—twenty-three boys and twenty-five girls—have been sheltered, and there was much sickness, influenza, measles and mumps. Sister Ida, with her faithful assistants, undismayed, trusting in the Friend of Children, brought them through it all.

The Department of the aged housed fifty-two. Ten times did the silent messenger of God summon an aged father or mother; and at once their place was filled by one at the door. An infinite patience is required here, and has never been found lacking in those who care for these aged people. A number of the aged, as well as the children, are quite a help around the home.

Many improvements and repairs had to be made, such as new floors in some of the rooms, the painting of the exterior woodwork of the building, the equipping of two dormitories for the children, a new orchard; also the payment of the balance of \$2,000.00 on the water system. These have been accom-

plished and settled in full. This was made possible by the ready assistance of pastors and congregations. We thank you.

In looking over the books of the Home, we find that Nebraska Synod has given directly, through the office of the Home, some \$821.00 in monies, new clothing and furnishings to the amount of \$400.00, groceries totalling at least \$100.00, and some 721 quarts of fruits and vegetables estimated in a minimum way at \$250.00. This is indeed wonderful, brethren, and we rejoice with you in the delight of giving. The State Treasurer, Dr. Miller, informs us that you have sent through him \$2,034.95. We rejoice in such outpouring of your love and devotion to the cause of Christ's "Little Ones." We would urge you to continue. Tell the good women of your congregation to set aside some of their choicest canning and preserving, and send it to Tabitha. If you wish empty jars or glasses to fill, write to Sister Eva and she will be most happy to send you a barrel of them.

We want this Synod to give us the same assistance as last year. We need every cent. And if you are at Buffalo, stand by Tabitha Home there. We would call your attention to two things. In accordance with the new constitution of Tabitha Home, adopted at the Board meeting in May; hereafter the Directors will meet in annual session the second Tuesday of each September. At the fall meeting of the Board, the most important matter discussed was the problem of more room. Accordingly the Board decided to let the church and friends know that the erection of a new building has been planned, and that the campaign for funds will be started as soon as the Synods and the Board of Inner Missions of the United Lutheran Church have given their approval. We would ask this of you: Approve a separate building for the children. Open your churches and pastorates to Superintendent Walter that he may secure the funds needed. We have prayed long for this. We feel that it is the time. God will answer our prayers through you. His consecrated followers of the One who loved little children. To Him be the praise now and forevermore.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER.

J. H. HUMPE.

EXHIBIT K**REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY
MOVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Since the work of the Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence has been combined with that of the Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee, your committee has confined most of its work to assisting the Treasurer in the raising of the benevolence. It has also done what it could toward inducing pastors and church councils to adopt the Every Member Canvass and duplex offering envelope system of finance.

It is with considerable regret and alarm that we view the apparent indifference of some of the pastors and congregations to their moral obligation—that of raising at least the amount of benevolence assigned them by this Synod and the United Lutheran Church. It is also a matter of regret that more of our churches are not adopting the up-to-date and approved methods of financing their churches. Therefore, we make the following recommendations:

That Synod require those pastors at Synod next year whose churches have not met the minimum benevolence assessments to give an explanation on the floor of Synod for their failure to do so.

That when a congregation for two consecutive years fails to send in its full benevolence, that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall call the attention of the congregation and church council, as well as the pastor, to the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SEBASTIAN, Chairman.

EXHIBIT L**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH**

Since the report of this committee is not primarily statistical, but a study of conditions, spiritual and financial; of progress or retrogression, we must endeavor to get behind the statistics and discover the state of our church organizations; and yet some pastors filled out their blanks as though they were making a parochial report. Out of the thirty reports received (at least five pastors failed to report), one blank contained but one word in the entire report outside of the Encouragements and Discouragements Column.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered and the observance on the part of the membership of the churches has been uniformly good, one pastor reporting 86% of his confirmed membership in attendance upon Communion during the year.

More than half the pastors failed to report on baptisms in their congregations, but reports received show a growing stress on the importance of this Sacrament.

Reports are nearly unanimous upon the neglect of family worship, although one pastor says that it is generally practiced in his congregation. We recommend the statement of one pastor: "The importance of family altars is made clear to the members wherever opportunity presents itself, in sermons or privately."

Mid-week prayer services have practically been discontinued. In some instances the adult catechization classes have taken the place of this service, and one pastor reports union prayer meetings.

Catechization has been faithfully conducted, but we are losing greatly by our failure to conduct adult classes in catechization. This cannot be stressed too strongly.

The observance of Lent and Holy Week is growing, and showing large results. In the Sunday School work encouraging results are shown; the lack of trained teachers, which is all too common, can be overcome only through Teacher Training classes.

Progress is shown in the work of the Missionary organizations, but the Luther League activities are not what they should be. There is still a lack of brotherhoods, though a few new ones have been organized during the past year. The use of church literature still needs to be emphasized; the number of subscriptions to the Lutheran seems to be unknown.

Improvement is revealed in the reports of offerings, both benevolent purposes and local work. The Duplex Envelope system is the answer to this problem.

The encouragements are many—increased attendance, growth in spirituality and unity among members. The principal discouragements are lack of spirituality, poor attendance at evening services, lack of adult attendance at Sunday School, indifference, and lack of equipment and room.

In answer to some of these problems, the use of tried plans will help—the Every Member Canvass and Duplex Envelope system in finances, and the adult catechetical class in building

up the church—but behind them are earnest prayers and preaching, faithful pastoral calling, and hard work, for "there is no excellency without great labor."

And God will reward us if we are faithful. In due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. WEISSMILLER.

EXHIBIT M

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS

We come before you again with the evidence which reveals the condition of part of the church schools in the Nebraska Synod. We regret that our report has not a better color. Retrogression seems the inevitable verdict in many particulars, though we rejoice in many encouraging features of the report. We deeply feel the need of some means of application of healing balm to the church schools of our Synod. We feel it impossible for any busy pastor to have direct communication with the schools to encourage, enlighten and stimulate to greater efficiency. We believe there must be a means created to accomplish this end; and we believe the time, the place and the condition is at hand for this body to take some definite steps, that our Bible Schools and the workers in them may accomplish more in the kingdom. We recognize the need; we believe the need can be supplied.

We have two aims in this report: To condense the mass of material in the reports of the schools, and to create a conviction for these things that seem to me to be necessary to improve conditions.

There are fifty-two schools in the Synod, according to last year's report. We have received reports from thirty-two before coming to Synod, and two since. Two-fifths of the officers of the schools failed to be moved by the spirit sufficiently to report.

The total enrollment is very encouraging, there being enrolled 4,265 in the schools reporting. This is an increase of 157. An encouraging report if we added the remaining schools. The largest enrollment is in Kountze Memorial, with 1,179, an increase of 171. The second is Emerson, with 428. The average enrollment is 142.

The average attendance is ninety, or 64 1-3% of the enrollment. Fourteen schools have an average attendance of less

than 50% of their enrollment. One school has an average of but 20% of its enrollment present. Seventeen schools have more than 50% of their enrollment present.

All schools but eight have cradle rolls. We have lost a little ground here. I wonder what the three schools did with their cradle rolls. The total in the cradle department is 681; last year it was 964.

Seventeen schools have no Home Department. Last year there were twelve. The total Home Department enrollment is 385, a decrease of twenty-nine. The largest Home Department is at Emerson, with 196 members. North Platte is second with 100. The average is thirty-eight. An increase of seven.

Only ten schools have any organized classes. A decrease of six. There are thirty-nine organized classes in the Synod.

The majority of schools use the graded work in the elementary division.

Eighteen schools have Workers' Conferences. An increase of eight.

Lutheran literature is used exclusively. That is more than we could report last year.

Teacher training is appreciated in thirteen schools. An increase of two.

There were 281 church members received from the church schools.

Offerings received for the year through this department were \$5.00. The expenses for the year were \$6.00.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. POWELL, Secretary of Church Schools.

EXHIBIT N

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

The Adjudication Committee would report that no matters were referred to this committee for consideration or action. Therefore no meetings of the committee were held.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL G. AUE, Chairman.

EXHIBIT O

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND LAY READERS

Ministerial education is a very important part of the work of the Church. The majority of the young men preparing for

the ministry need help financially. And where will they get it if not from the Church? The Nebraska Synod is trying to do her part in this noble task. Your committee had two meetings the last year. During commencement week last May the committee met at Fremont at the College. This was for the most part a conference with our young men. It was to get better acquainted and give advice and counsel in regard to school work. The committee is opposed to any short cut method in preparing for the ministry.

Another meeting was held on October 11th on the way to Synod. At this meeting the grades of last year's work were examined, the applications for the next year were reviewed, and recommendations were made for Synod's consideration and approval. The most of the boys did good work and have met the requirements of Synod. Laurence Mortensen was handicapped because of a severe operation. His health has not improved as was hoped.

Last year we assisted nine young men. We here give the names of those receiving aid and the amount each one received.

Alfred Frank	\$ 200.00
Alfred Young	200.00
Max Harder	175.00
Walter Voss	175.00
Henry Dumler	175.00
Laurence Mortensen	300.00
Henry Scherer	175.00
Paul White	175.00
Anton Jensen	175.00

Total.....\$1,750.00

Anton Jensen graduated from the Pacific Seminary last May, and is now at work in the Virgin Islands. Alfred Frank, Alfred Young and Walter Voss did supply work during the summer. The other young men were at work in various ways to help themselves as much as possible for this year.

The following have made application for aid for this coming year. We recommend that they receive the amount specified for each one:

Alfred Frank	\$ 200.00
Alfred Young	200.00
Max Harder	200.00
Walter Voss	200.00

Henry Dumler	175.00
Paul White	175.00
Henry Scherer	200.00

Inasmuch as Laurence Mortensen is now in the hands of a specialist in Omaha, we recommend that we do not grant him aid this year, but suggest that he remain out of school for a year in order to regain his health if possible.

The committee is not satisfied with the financial standing of the guarantor of Eric Luschel, who asks for aid this year. Owing to the fact that the constitution requires a guarantor of some financial ability, the committee does not feel justified in recommending aid in this case. But if the Synod feels that he should receive aid, the committee is willing. Synod approved giving him help.

Synod approved giving Fred H. Block help in the amount of \$200.00, if his application meets the approval of the committee.

Several young men still owe the Synod. Your committee is making continued efforts to collect. Nothing was paid back this last year, but we have the promise of several to pay part of their debt this year.

The chairman of the committee made a request through the annual letter of the statistician that a report of the number of men entering the ministry from each congregation be sent to him. How many of you responded? I will tell you. Seven pastors took enough interest to reply. The committee desires to keep this before the congregations, for they must furnish the future ministers. Brethren, help to solve the problem of more men for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT P

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Brethren:

With sincere gratitude to Almighty God for so signally blessing the missionary effort put forth during the past year, we are pleased to bring another encouraging report.

The following are the churches receiving assistance during the year: Our Redeemer, Omaha, Rev. K. de Freese, pastor; First Church, Omaha, Rev. Oak Ebright, pastor; First Church,

York, Rev. C. S. Powell, pastor; The Redeemer's Church, South Sioux City, and St. Paul's, Homer, Rev. E. O. Wannagat, pastor; Resurrection, Gretna and Chalco Lutheran Church, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor; St. John's, Leigh, Rev. M. Koolen, pastor; Trinity Church, Sidney, and Grace Church, Gurley, in charge of the Synodical Missionary.

CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER, Omaha—Rev. K. de Freese, pastor; organized in 1915. Self-supporting June 1, 1922.

Under the efficient leadership of their pastor this church has reached a high standard of self-support. It seems comparatively few years when we organized this church. Since then this congregation has acquired a commodious house of worship, nearly paid for, and has grown into a substantial people numbering more than 200 members. Among the missions in our Western field, none hold a more enviable record. The past year has found this congregation faithful to every benevolent cause, and in addition has cared for some needed improvements on their church property. The pastor and this faithful people are United in the work and are wide awake in establishing their influence to make this church a mighty factor for the saving of many souls.

FIRST CHURCH—Omaha—Rev. Oak W. Ebright, pastor; organized 1907.

This mission under the faithful care of their pastor experienced the greatest year in the history of this church. The membership had a net gain of thirty communicants. The Bible School and the Luther League show a remarkable hold on the lives of the young people of this congregation. A large class of titheers are coming to the front and the most hopeful conditions prevail to bring this congregation to become independent of further aid from the Home Mission Board. The pastor has long cherished the hope of making some most needful repairs and improvements on their church building. In answer to his prayer and, in response to his untiring efforts, on September 28th the congregation held the services of re-dedication, having expended the amount of \$2,500.00 for church improvements. It was a day of great rejoicing and brought cheer and hope to all who enjoyed the service. When we recall that but a few years ago there seemed to be but little hope held out for the future of this church, and when today we note these excellent improvements and this impressive congregation, numbering 191 Communicants, we must exclaim, Truly, the Lord has blessed this people, and has established their work.

THE FIRST CHURCH, York—Rev. C. S. Powell, pastor; organized 1903.

The faithful efforts of the pastor of this field have resulted in substantial, if but slow, growth. Every organization of the church is busy and the regular services are well attended. The congregation contemplates the erection of a new church, as soon as conditions favor such a move, and the Jehoida Chest is used to further this desire.

OUR REDEEMER'S CHURCH, South Sioux City—Rev. E. O. Wannagat, pastor; organized 1920.

The year's activity of this mission brings great reason for rejoicing. Our self-denying pastor spared no hardship in directing this people. During the year thirty-six adults were received and the enrollment of the church school doubled. A Luther League was organized and much was done to strengthen our hold on this growing community. The congregation purchased a prominent location with the hope of erecting a substantial house of worship soon. We commend both pastor and people upon these magnificent results and may the Great Head of the Church crown their future plans with much success.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Homer—Organized 1886.

This congregation is located in a good Lutheran community and has a commodious church and parsonage, both free of debt. Rev. Wannagat conducted regular Sunday services, and has cared for the needs of this field in an excellent way. During the year twenty-five members were added to the church roll. Our missionary feels that Homer offers a fruitful field for our church and should have the full time of a regular pastor.

RESURRECTION CHURCH, Gretna—Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor; organized 1910.

A year of substantial progress marks the history of this church. Our missionary has been more than busy strengthening the membership, and comes to Synod with the remarkable gain of 98 people. Gretna has a large Sunday School and a Luther League, both of which are growing constantly and are of great help to the pastor in his work. The congregation made a substantial reduction in the appropriation asked from the Board and shows every evidence of soon becoming independent. Synod will be pleased to learn that Rev. Schmidt has organized a congregation at Chalco, with a charter membership of twenty-four. They are using the school house for church services. This parish entertained the Spring Conference and left a very happy impression upon all of the visiting brethren.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Leigh—Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., pastor; organized 1919.

This young and flourishing mission and its energetic pastor was received into our Synod less than a year ago. The congregation is fortunate in having a beautiful, all-modern house of worship, free of debt. The membership embraces the leading people of that community and the future for this young child of our church is most auspicious. In less than ten months of its brief connection with the Home Mission Board, Dr. Koolen was able to increase the membership of this congregation by adding sixty-six to the confirmed list. This people is a happy giver to benevolence and at the same time has shown its willing spirit to assume a larger part of their own support by having made a substantial decrease in the appropriation asked from the Home Mission Board. We are certain that it will not be long until St. John's Church will join the ranks of the independent congregations.

ST. PETER'S, Creston.

In addition to his regular work, Dr. Koolen cares for the Lutheran Church at Creston, and reports most encouraging progress from that field.

TRINITY CHURCH, Sidney—Organized 1886.

For more than a year the services of your missionary have been given to this field. This congregation had a long and trying history. With the many changes of pastors and the occasional financial depression that visits the country and is so keenly felt in the West, this congregation has paid heavily. It has been our lot to restore confidence and again unite the shattered forces. The year has marked substantial progress. Our services are well attended. We report fifty-one confirmed members, with an enrollment of fifty-five in our Bible School. All organizations are busy and the prospect for a substantial church is hopeful. The congregation paid its full apportionment and gave liberally to all other calls made by the church. The church property is greatly improved and presents a neat appearance. The congregation has paid a part of the expenses of your missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, Gurley—Organized 1916.

This congregation in connection with Sidney forms a regular charge. They have a neat church building and a most faithful and united band of workers. The confirmed membership is forty-four, with an enrollment of 134 in the church school. This community has suffered very much from crop

failures, and yet this people has heeded every benevolent call, and in addition expended several hundred dollars on church improvements. This congregation, too, pays a part of the salary of your missionary. We have been looking for a suitable man for this charge and hope that soon the right man may be found to care for this important parish.

New Work

We have received a number of calls from new fields, and in addition are impressed with the need of the services of the missionary in some of our older congregations. In view of these facts, your committee has instructed the Synodical Missionary to make early provision for a regular pastor for the Sidney-Gurley charge.

A summary of the year brings only satisfaction and voices our gratitude to Him from whom all blessings flow. All of our missions, save one, have made substantial reductions. In most cases the apportionment has been paid in full and none have withheld their hand at the hour of special need. Your missionaries have proved themselves most consecrated servants of the Master and deserve highest commendation. We further wish to express our sincere gratitude to the pastors and churches of our Synod for their financial support and their hearty co-operation. We are happy to state that not only our Synodical apportionment was raised, but that we are permitted to come before you with a substantial balance on hand.

Your Treasurer, Mr. R. B. Weller, herewith encloses his report:

Treasurer's Report

To the Synodical Missionary and Church Extension Committee, Ponca Nebraska:

For the current year your Treasurer reports as follows:

Cash on hand October 11, 1921.....	\$ 309.74
Received during year from J. H. Miller, Treasurer....	2,208.57
Received from other sources.....	760.00

Total receipts	\$3,278.31
Disbursements: Vouchers herewith, 485-503, inclusive.....	\$2,742.74

Balance in U. S. National Bank, Omaha, per statement herewith	\$ 535.57
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In addition to the above we have available a certificate of deposit, dated October 9, 1921, with the State Bank of Omaha,

in the amount of \$420.00, plus interest, making the total amount of funds available at this time \$955.57, plus interest on above mentioned certificate of deposit.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. WELLER, Treasurer.

WM. T. KAHSE, Secretary.

EXHIBIT Q

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

In the progress of the Kingdom of God, no one thing in recent years is more significant than the aroused interest and increasing activity of young men and young women in Christian work. Brethren, the tide is turning. Opportunities are knocking at the doors of our churches. Wherever they have been seized, the flow of new life has come to the church.

The future of the church and the nation is with the young. If we are to have a church that shall be great in its power of extending the kingdom to the farthest corners of the earth, we must begin with our youth, we must work today, or "Tomorrow they may be impressionless men and women."

Trebonious, the instructor of our beloved Dr. Martin Luther, always uncovered his head in the presence of any of his boys. He was accustomed to say, "Who can tell what man may yet rise up amid these youths? There may be among them those who shall be learned doctors, sages—nay princes of the empire." Even then there was before him the mighty giant of the Reformation, that solitary monk who shook the world.

One of our pastors writes: "No other agency will bring to the attention of our young people the definite call for ~~the~~ service as our young people's organization." Outside of the church school and the catechetical instruction, the young people's society is the greatest training school that the church has for its young people. No pastor is doing his full duty if he neglects this important side of the church work.

We are grateful to Almighty God to report a net gain of nine new societies for the past year, with a total increase in membership of 319.

Recommendations

First. Again we urge all our pastors to organize their young people's societies in accordance with the official action of the United Lutheran Church in America in declaring the

Luther League of America its official Young People's organization.

Second. That Synod authorize this office to procure all necessary literature to aid newly organized societies.

Third. That we grant the request of the State Luther League of Nebraska in appointing a committee to arrange for a "Leaders' Training School," to work in conjunction with similar committees from the German Nebraska Synod and the State Luther League of Nebraska.

Fourth. That Synod give again one page in its printed minutes to the State Luther League of Nebraska for the purpose of listing the names of its officers and objectives. Copy of same being attached.

Fifth. That in view of the unsettled question as to whether the junior societies shall be conducted under the name of Junior Luther League or Light Brigade, we recommend that the name of new junior societies in local organizations be postponed till it is definitely agreed upon by the National Luther League, the Woman's Missionary Society and the Church School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN, Secretary.

STATE LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA

President.....A. J. Bell, 1032 East Military Ave., Fremont
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Treasurer.....Louise Schmitz, 1409 O St., Lincoln

Objectives for 1922-1923

The objects of the Luther League of Nebraska shall be to encourage the formation of Young People's Societies in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, in the State of Nebraska, to stimulate Christian activity in, and to foster the spirit of loyalty to the church, through, education, missions, life service.

A. Education— Bible study, topics, reading course.

B. Missions—By the encouraging of the specific study of missions and definite missionary work by local district and Synodical leaguers.

- C. Life Service—by directing the thoughts of the young people to the service of the church, both as a vocation and as an avocation.

EXHIBIT R

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS

Your committee has examined the Letter from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and the constitution of St. John's Lutheran Church of Leigh, Nebraska, Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., pastor, and have found the same to be satisfactory, and we recommend the admission of this church to the ranks of our Synod.

We have also examined the Letter of Application and the constitution of the newly organized congregation of Chalco, Nebraska, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor, and heartily recommend the admission of this church to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

K. de FREESE, Chairman.

EXHIBIT S

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

The Committee for Letters and Papers had only one communication from the Board of Ministerial Relief calling attention to the need of larger funds to carry on relief work amongst the retired clergy. The Board has run behind, and makes a renewed appeal for the regular apportionment and especially seeks endorsement of making a special Christmas appeal to the pastors, congregations and individuals of our Synod. We present you the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska approve the plan of the Christmas appeal of the Board of Ministerial Relief and that it commend it to the pastors, congregations and individuals of the Synod as worthy of their fullest co-operation."

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. SCHMIDT.

EXHIBIT T

Your committee has carefully examined the President's report and wish to commend his efficient and careful conduct of the affairs of Synod.

We call the attention of Synod to the President's suggestion for a salaried President.

We recommend that this whole matter be thoroughly discussed in all its phases and whatever action may seem to be best be followed, and that the constitutionality be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

We commend the President for his emphasis and efforts to secure a hearty compliance with the action of the United Lutheran Church and our local Synod on the question relative to the separate treasurers of our current expense and benevolences.

We recommend that the "urge" be applied by the President of Synod directly on church councils as well as of the pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FETTEROLF, Chairman.

EXHIBIT U

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

During the year death has not taken away any of our clerical members, but it has come into three of our homes.

1. On November 26, 1921, the beloved wife of Rev. J. F. Kuhiman quietly passed away to the better home, after an illness of more than two years, aged 72 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its deep sympathy for our brother, not only in his sore bereavement, but also in other afflictions which he has been called upon to suffer.

Resolved, That we pray that the grace of God may sustain him and smooth his pathway to the Heavenly rest.

2. Our Brother Klaus de Freese was called upon, a little more than a year ago, to mourn the loss of his wife. Since then he has been called upon to mourn the loss of his infant daughter.

Resolved, That we tender him our sincere sympathy and pray that He who has said "All things work together for good to those that love Him," may over rule this affliction for his greatest blessedness.

3. Death also invaded the family of Rev. W. A. Klink and took away his little son.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with our brother and his family and point him to the Great Comforter who has

said: "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

EXHIBIT V

COMMITTEE ON SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE

Your committee would report that all arrangements for a South Platte Conference were made; programs were printed and sent out, announcing time and place of meeting. On account of a conflict with the Midland College Commencement and other conditions, the meeting was postponed indefinitely. No meeting has been held up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. UTECH.

EXHIBIT W

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Committee has examined Mr. A. O. Frank, and having passed a very satisfactory examination in the studies he has completed, would, therefore, recommend him for licensure at this session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN, for the Committee.

EXHIBIT X

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your committee, charged with the task of promoting the spiritual as well as the bodily welfare of the unfortunate and the indifferent who are within the reach of the Church, feels its limitation in awakening a deeper consciousness in the minds of our own people of the imperative need of this particular work of the Church.

Inner Missions calls to mind the many institutions of charity fostered by the Church and may remind us of our obligations to these. But our obligations do by no means stop here. Each congregation should be imbued with the spirit of service in their home locality and should go out after the unfortunate in their community. Instruction in the methods and process of services should be encouraged in every congrega-

tion. Our Lutheran Church must heed the call and equip herself for better service in these most trying times.

With reference to the Inner Mission Report, and in particular that part referring to lay readers, be tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE.

EXHIBIT Y

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, One of the worst menaces which faces the homes of America today is the constantly increasing disregard of the marital relations as evidenced by the alarming number of divorces granted (112,000 being granted in 1916), and the remarriage of divorced people, with the attendant consequences upon the homes and unfortunate children in the homes; Be It Resolved:

1. That we as members of this Synod reaffirm our allegiance to the Word of God and its teachings concerning the remarriage of divorced people. (Matt 5:32 and 19:9.)

2. That we, as ministers of the Word, refuse to re-marry divorced people, except the innocent party to a divorce granted for adultery, thereby publicly placing our stamp of disapproval upon this growing evil.

3. That, through our delegates, we advise the United Lutheran Church of our action and urge that similar action be taken by our general body.

Whereas, One of the crying needs of the country is a uniformity in marriage and divorce laws;

Be It Resolved, That we urge upon our Senators and Representatives the submission to the several States of the United States a constitutional amendment which will permit Congress to control marriage and divorce laws by federal legislation, and that the Secretary be ordered to send a copy of these resolutions to each Senator and Representative of Nebraska in the United States Congress.

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartiest thanks to the pastor and wife and people of the Salem Lutheran Church, and the citizens of Ponca, for their kindness in opening their homes to us and for their royal entertainment during our stay in their midst; to the members of the choir and soloists for their excellent music, and to the ladies who so kindly served the banquet on Tuesday evening

Resolved, That these words of appreciation be conveyed to the people of this congregation by the pastor at his first opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. KOCH, Chairman.

EXHIBIT Z

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS TO PUBLISHING A SYNODICAL PAPER

As it was finally adopted:

The Executive Committee convened at Ponca, Nebraska, October 12, 1922, having previously given the matter of establishing a Synodical paper a full consideration, recommends the following:

1. That a committee of five, appointed by the Executive Committee of Synod, be authorized to publish a Synodical paper once a month.
2. That in addition to the \$200.00 which was granted to this item a year ago, \$200.00 more be granted.
3. That the committee be instructed to keep the Synod's liabilities within the \$400.00 limit, their other monies being derived from the subscriptions to the paper.

O. D. BALTZLY, President.

C. R. LOWE, Secretary.

EXHIBIT AA

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

Your committee submits the following report, based on the budget of \$20,622.00 for the United Lutheran Church apportionment and \$6,600.00 for the Synodical treasury, making a total of \$27,222.00. Our treasurer will divide the total receipts of apportionment as follows:

United Lutheran Church treasury.....	75 per cent
The Synodical treasury.....	25 per cent
He will then apportion the Synodical funds as follows:	
Synodical treasury	24 per cent
Synodical Missions	24 per cent
Ministerial Education	29 per cent
Tabitha Home	16 per cent
Seminary Contingent Fund.....	7 per cent

The apportionment is made considering the average of confirmed and communing members at the rate of \$3.10 per capita.

Allen	\$ 422.00	First	515.00
Auburn	335.00	Grace	431.00
Beatrice	558.00	Kountze	8,717.00
Benedict—		Redeemer	574.00
Zion	242.00	St. Luke's	772.00
Bethel	78.00	St. Mark's	936.00
Bruning	167.00	Oshkosh	130.00
Dakota City—		Lewellen	136.00
Emmanuel	40.00	Paxton	273.00
Salem	295.00	Sutherland	90.00
Davenport	437.00	Ponca	521.00
Eagle	112.00	Potter	124.00
Emerson	617.00	Rising City	267.00
Falls City	592.00	Sidney	152.00
Fremont	676.00	Gurley	136.00
Grand Island	1,299.00	South Sioux City.....	214.00
Gretna	195.00	Stanford—	
Hampton	233.04	Trinity	174.00
Hardy—		Emmanuel	127.00
St. Paul	189.00	Stella	31.00
Jewel	84.00	Tekamah	152.00
Homer	205.00	Verden	450.00
Hooper	583.00	Wolbach	336.00
Lincoln	822.00	Erickson	105.00
McCool Junction ...	152.00	Walton	375.00
Nebraska City	384.00	Wayne	1,008.00
North Platte	977.00	Willbur	143.00
Oakland	186.00	West Point	1,516.00
Omaha—		York	276.00

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

EXHIBIT BB

REPORT ON CLAIMS

Your Committee on Claims reports that the following bills were examined and found correct, and we recommend payment of the same:

R. A. White	\$ 1.00
C. F. Koch.....	3.90

G. B. Weaver	11.28
W. T. Kahse.....	6.80
Florence Martin, official stenographer.....	11.00
C. S. Powell.....	6.00
C. R. Lowe.....	.75
W. I. Guss.....	10.75
Janitor	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. KOOLEN, Chairman.

EXHIBIT CC

COMMITTEE ON POOLING OF EXPENSES

Your Committee on Pooling beg to report as follows:

Average fare of delegates to Synod, \$11.47. Refund will be as follows:

C. R. Lowe	\$ 3.03
G. E. Mortensen	4.63
B. F. Jorn.....	4.63
G. B. Weaver	2.03
C. F. Koch	18.19
A. F. Yost.....	18.19
C. B. Harman.....	3.13
Otto Giessenhagen	3.13
J. C. Hershey.....	3.51
Wm. Hoffman	5.75
R. W. Weismiller	1.83
C. S. Powell.....	4.73
Edwin Otto	4.73
E. C. Mortensen.....	2.73
R. A. Helms.....	4.15
H. M. Davidson.....	8.47
E. Bollman	3.53
R. A. White.....	4.27
J. H. Miller.....	10.70

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. POWELL.

EXHIBIT DD**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES**

We recommend that the following be excused from the entire session of Synod:

Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Rev. Elmer Kahl, Rev. A. L. Ludwig and Mr. D. Curry.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. GREENEWALT.

EXHIBIT EE**NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE**

Your committee beg to report that having examined the minutes of the North Platte Conference, we find that the Conference held a meeting at Gretna, May 8 and 9, 1922. We find further that this Conference passed the following resolution for the action of the Synod:

Resolved, That in consideration of the apparent desire of our members for uniformity of the order of worship throughout the English Nebraska Synod, that we as a conference memorialize Synod to take definite action to promote the same.

The committee recommends this resolution for the action of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. O. WANNAGAT.

EXHIBIT FF**REPORT ON WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Your committee finds that there is no material available to determine the status of the Western Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT GG**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION**

That Article III, Section 2, be amended to read as follows:

The term of all officers except that of President shall be one year, or until their successors are elected. The term of the office of the President shall be five (5) years, and he shall give his full time to the duties of the Synod. The amount of

salary to be paid shall be determined by Synod. The Secretary shall not be eligible to election for more than two (2) successive terms.

C. B. HARMAN.
Wm. IRA GUSS.
ALPHONSO MAROHN.
O. W. EBRIGHT.
G. B. WEAVER.
C. FRANKLIN KOCH.

EXHIBIT HH

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 7, Section 1G, line6:

"Such act shall be sufficient reason why the Synod should"
(here insert the words) REQUEST THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE RETURN OF HIS ORDINATION PAPERS, AND (continuing) strike his name, etc.

W. I. GUSS.
R. W. LIVERS.
G. B. WEAVER.
H. F. SCHMIDT.
R. M. BADGER.
W. F. OTTMAN.
C. FRANKLIN KOCH.

Our Christian Parents
SHOULD SEND THEIR SONS AND
DAUGHTERS TO OUR OWN
Christian College
MIDLAND COLLEGE
FREMONT, NEBRASKA

And thus preserve the Christian care and instruction they have already given them.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING
OF THE
Lutheran Brotherhood
of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod
OF NEBRASKA

Held at Fremont, Nebraska, April 27, 1922

The Annual State Brotherhood convention was called to order by the president, Dean W. E. Tilberg, at 3:30 P. M., April 27, 1922, in the Pathfinder Hotel, Fremont, Nebraska.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. A. White of Walbach. We then listened to a splendid address by Dr. C. E. Gardner of St. Joseph, Mo., on the subject, "The Challenge of the Pulpit and Pew in the Present Crisis."

The business meeting was then called to order by the president. Roll was called, which recorded eleven Brotherhoods represented by their delegates. The list of delegates is as follows:

Kountze Memorial, Omaha—Mr. H. Fischer and Mr. G. Horn.

Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha—Mr. W. Ottman and Mr. Ellisfer.

York—Mr. Fred J. C. Voss and Rev. Clark Powell.

Tekamah—Rev. Utesch.

West Point—Mr. A. L. Krause and Mr. Otto Westenbeck.

North Platte—Mr. Meyer and Rev. C. Franklin Koch.

Hooper—Mr. Meyer and Mr. Schaefer.

Allen—Mr. O. W. Money and Mr. H. Hallin.

Fremont—Mr. H. Stelk and Mr. Block.

Benson—Mr. A. A. Hilbert and Mr. M. J. Hedlund.

Emerson—Mr. Geo. H. Haase and Mr. Enke.

It was moved and seconded that the newly organized Brotherhoods of Benson and Emerson be received into the State Brotherhood. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gus Horn was appointed temporary treasurer of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read and approved.

A review of the year's work of the Executive Committee and local Brotherhoods was presented by President Tilberg, which proved that the work of organizing brotherhoods and other work is successfully being advanced.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved.

A motion prevailed that the action of the Executive Committee be approved in changing the place for the state convention to Fremont instead of Ponca.

In discussing general business, it was suggested to have the districts help organize brotherhoods where the congregations are not yet organized. It was also suggested that the men help by attending Bible classes, and especially evening services every Sunday.

The Nominating Committee presented names for election of officers. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot as follows: President, Dean W. E. Tilberg; Vice President, H. E. Hecker; Secretary, W. W. Frankfurt; Treasurer, Gus Horn.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint delegates to the National Convention to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., October 16, 1922. The men appointed were H. E. Luckey, J. H. Miller, H. E. Hecker and Dr. Van Fleet.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint a committee to help the movement for the enrollment of boys for the ministry.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the next State Convention be held at Fremont, on a date left to the Executive Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we have these minutes embodied in the minutes of Synod.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler, Mr. H. Fischer and Mr. Gus Horn were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

The meeting was closed by prayer by Rev. Clark Powell.

BROTHERHOOD BANQUET

The Brotherhood banquet was held in the evening, April 27, 1922, in the Pathfinder Hotel. President Tilberg presided. The banquet was served by the ladies of the local Missionary Society.

after which we were entertained by a very interesting lecture by Rev. J. F. Marlatte of Minneapolis, Minn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read at the banquet and is as follows:

First, Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the officers and Executive Committee of this Brotherhood for the excellent manner in which they have conducted the work of the Brotherhood in our State since our last meeting, and for the diligence they have manifested in planning for this convention.

Second. Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to Dr. C. E. Gardner of St. Joseph, Mo., and Rev. J. F. Marlatte of Minneapolis, Minn., for their helpful and inspiring addresses at this convention.

Third. Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation for the visit of Dr. S. Waltz, ex-Secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Council of America, to this State, a few months ago, at which time he met all our District Brotherhoods, and thank him for the added interest which his visit created in our Brotherhood work.

Fourth. We express our thanks to the Brotherhood men of Fremont for the entertainment arranged for and afforded to us by them at this convention.

These resolutions were adopted.

The convention was then adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. Franklin Koch of North Platte.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FRANKFURT.

West Point.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Forty-second Annual Convention
OF THE
Women's Missionary Society
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
of Nebraska
OF THE
United Lutheran Church in America

HELD AT PONCA, NEBRASKA
October 9-11, 1922

DIRECTORY, 1922-1923

OFFICERS

President—MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, 112 South 11th St., Omaha.
 First Vice President—MRS. A. A. MAROHN, Ponca.
 Second Vice President—MRS. W. I. GUSS, 2051 North 20th St., Omaha.
 Recording Secretary—MISS MABLE BRAZDA, 737 East Military Ave., Fremont.
 Treasurer—MRS. D. NEISWANGER, Dakota City.
 Historian—MRS. H. C. HECKT, Allen.
 Assistant Recording Secretary by Appointment—MRS. L. A. HORNBURG.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.....	3 Years	1923
MRS. R. M. BADGER.....	3 Years	1923
MRS. A. K. WALBORN.....	1 Year	1923
MRS. W. I. GUSS.....	2 Years	1923
MRS. M. D. WILLERT.....	2 Years	1924

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

Home—MRS. RALPH WEISMILLER, Nebraska City.
 Light Brigade—MRS. ORRIN STURTEVANT, Lincoln.
 Mission Study—MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH, 311 West 5th St., North Platte.
 Literature—MRS. A. K. WALBORN, 4319 South 22nd St., Omaha.
 Annuity—MRS. J. F. KREUGER, Midland College, Fremont.
 Student—MRS. R. W. LIVERS, Hooper.
 Standard of Excellency—MRS. G. E. HICKMAN, Tekamah.
 Young People's—MISS MILDRED HENKEL, 2223 South 29th St., Omaha.
 Box Work—MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK, Wilbur.
 Deaconess—MRS. H. W. MUNSON, 2320 Howard St., Omaha.
 Magazine—MRS. L. I. SAHLER, Rising City.
 Life and In Memoriam—MRS. GEO. D. HAASE, Emerson.
 India Lace—MRS. JOHN S. HERD, 815 South 33rd St., Omaha.

NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. O. W. EBRIGHT, 2520 North 60th St., Omaha.
 MRS. H. L. GREENAWALT, Allen.
 MISS SUDA WOOD, Tekamah.

SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. H. C. DEAN, Lincoln.
 MRS. E. BOLLMAN, Benedict.
 MRS. M. A. MOSTERT, Beatrice.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

MRS. R. M. BADGER, 824 South 14th St., Lincoln.
 MRS. D. W. CROUSE, Fremont.
 MRS. W. I. GUSS, Omaha.
 MRS. L. A. HORNBURG, Omaha.
 MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, Omaha.
 MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER, Dakota City.
 (Next Convention to be held at Emerson, Oct. 8-10, 1923)

OFFICERS PRESENT

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.
 MRS. L. A. HORNBURG.
 MRS. HOLMES DYSINGER.
 MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES PRESENT

MRS. C. E. HICKMAN.
 MRS. R. M. BADGER.
 MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES PRESENT

Standard of Excellence—MRS. G. E. HICKMAN.
 Life and In Memoriam—MRS. GEO. H. HAASE.

DELEGATES

Women's

Mrs. M. D. Willert.....Tekamah
 Mrs. N. L. Hansen.....Emerson
 Mrs. W. A. Klink.....Rising City
 Miss Mable Brazda.....West Point
 Mrs. A. Nelson.....2413 North 18th St., Omaha
 Miss Suda Wood.....Tekamah
 Mrs. H. A. Bauer.....Verdon
 Mrs. John Haskendorff.....Verdon

Mrs. E. Bollman.....	Benedict
Mrs. Etta Yenny.....	Fremont
Mrs. H. S. Johnson.....	1210 West 4th St., North Platte
Mrs. Hans Jurgens.....	Cedar Bluffs
Mrs. M. Lipe.....	Ponca
Mrs. W. F. Ottman.....	2425 Mary St., Omaha
Miss Ellen Guhl.....	405 East 5th St., Grand Island
Mrs. H. F. Bowers.....	2205 Monroe St., Omaha
Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.....	Emerson
Mrs. Richard Olsen.....	1401 South 17th St., Omaha
Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant.....	2715 Cable Ave., Omaha
Mrs. G. L. Stevenson.....	Nebraska City
Mrs. J. H. Bonderman.....	Emerson
Mrs. Chas. Haase.....	2828 North 30th St., Omaha
Mrs. I. L. Thompson.....	West Point
Mrs. Geo. L. Neibuhr.....	Dakota City
Mrs. Lewis Larson.....	Dakota City
Mrs. J. Weertz.....	2464 Harney Apt. 49, Omaha
Mrs. J. Lindahl.....	Allen
Mrs. W. A. Roberts.....	Nebraska City
Miss Charlotte Ziegler.....	Wayne

Young Women's

Lula Bonderson.....	Midland College, Fremont
Grace M. Breternitz.....	602 South Chestnut St., North Platte
Martha H. Frank.....	Omaha
Matilda Becker.....	Verdon
Helen Bonderson.....	Fremont
Lydia Dern.....	1217 North Nye Ave., Omaha
Mrs. A. K. Walborn.....	Omaha

Light Brigade

Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf.....	Wayne
Mrs. G. E. Hickman.....	Tekamah

VISITORS

Mrs. Adolph Gerling.....	Waterbury
Mrs. Lee Renkel.....	Waterbury
Mrs. Anderson.....	Allen
Mrs. H. Campbell.....	Ponca
Mrs. S. B. Stough.....	Ponca
Mrs. Mueller.....	Fremont
Gladys Lipe.....	Ponca
Mrs. A. A. Marohn.....	Ponca

Mrs. Harold Mahoney.....	Ponca
Mrs. V. W. McDonald.....	Allen
Mrs. C. H. Harper.....	Allen
Mrs. J. T. Warton.....	Allen
Mrs. Laura Troth.....	Allen
Mrs. Nanle Young.....	Winterset (Iowa)
Mrs. J. W. Black.....	Allen
Rev. W. A. Klink.....	Rising City
Rev. Bollman.....	Benedict
Rev. Kahse.....	Sidney
Mrs. W. R. Talboy.....	Newcastle
Mrs. Snyder.....	Ponca
Mrs. Rogosch.....	Ponca
Mrs. L. Ehke.....	Ponca
Rev. Ernest Walters.....	Lincoln
Miss Lydia Jensen.....	Emerson
Mrs. Douglas.....	Emerson
Mrs. McHarron.....	Emerson
Mrs. V. W. McDonald.....	Allen
Mrs. J. R. Graham.....	Allen
Mrs. L. Trath.....	Allen
Mrs. C. H. Harper.....	Allen
Mrs. Hellman.....	Sioux City (Iowa)
Rev. R. M. Badger.....	Lincoln
Rev. C. R. Lowe.....	Hebron
Rev. C. S. Powell.....	York
Mrs. Bert Rockwell.....	Ponca
Lena Engel.....	Ponca
Mrs. Geo. W. Bates.....	Dakota City
Herbert Rakaw.....	Ponca

The Committee on Credentials wishes to report the following list of attendance:

.....	5
Department Secretaries.....	2
Delegates.....	38
Visitors.....	39
Total Attendance.....	84

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA FRANK.
LULA BONDERSON.
MATHILDA BECKER.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Forty-second Annual Convention
of the Women's Missionary Society of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
of the United Lutheran Church in America

The Forty-second Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska held its annual convention at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ponca, Nebraska, October 9th to 11th, 1922.

The convention was opened on the afternoon of October 9th, at 3:30, with hymn, "Christ for Thee We Sing." The Scripture lesson was read by Miss Suda Wood of Tekamah. This was the same Scripture lesson read in Ponca at a conference meeting of the North Platte Conference in 1898, the Scripture being Eph. 6:10-20. This was followed by the opening convention prayer by Mrs. W. F. Ottman of the Church of Our Redeemer of Omaha.

Hearty greetings to the convention were given by Mrs. A. A. Marohn of Ponca.

Response was given by Mrs. G. E. Hickman of Tekamah, Mrs. R. J. Taylor not being present.

Short address by the President with the formal opening of the convention.

Credential Committee named, Miss Martha Frank being chairman.

Roll was called, showing a number of the delegates not yet present.

Special notice was asked of the Dakota City Society, which was 100 per cent present, only consisting of three members and one honorary member.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Lorene Williams of Ponca.

A most inspiring paper on the Convention Theme was given by Mrs. R. E. Anderson of Allen, "Education for Efficiency," and was surely a treat to all those present.

Announcements by the Pastor, and also by the President, on the appointing of the Nominating Committee, which will consist of the first delegates from each and every society.

Session closed with the Lord's Prayer and Missionary Benediction

Monday Evening—October 9

The evening session was opened by the processional hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountain," followed by the reading of the 27th Psalm responsively. Liturgical Service in charge of Rev. A. A. Marohn, pastor of Ponca church.

Scripture was read by Mrs. F. J. Weertz, of the Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha.

A most inspiring and consecrating prayer was offered by Mrs. Richard E. Olsen of the same church.

The Ponca Choir is certainly to be commended for the very appropriate music, consisting of two anthems, one duet and a violin solo, during the service.

The playlet, "Tired of Missions," was given by twenty-two young ladies of the church, and was very much appreciated.

Introduction of Mrs. Frank Heilman, wife of the pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux City, by the President, and explanation of the non-arrival of the promised speaker, Rev. Harry E. Dickey, of India.

Mrs. Heilman told of her own personal observations on her trip through India, China and Japan.

This was followed by the anthem "God So Loved the World," from the "Crucifixion," which was most certainly appropriate.

Collection was taken, which amounted to \$21.60.

Announcement by the Pastor and the appointing of committees by the President.

Closed with benediction.

Tuesday Morning—October 10

The devotions of the convention being in charge of Mrs. O. D. Baltzly of the Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha, and as she was not able to attend, they were given by the three delegates from that church.

The devotions of the Tuesday morning session were conducted by Mrs. Richard E. Olsen, the Scripture Lesson being read by several of the ladies present. The prayer was given by the President.

Roll call of officers, department secretaries, standing committees and delegates, showing 17 women's, five young people's and three Light Brigade societies represented.

Reading of the minutes of Monday afternoon and evening sessions read and approved, also the committees which had been appointed by the President were read.

Reports of the officers and department secretaries were called for.

Mrs. G. E. Hickman was called to the chair as the only conference representative present, during the reading of the President's report.

Motion was made that as the reports be made they be held and accepted all at the same time. The President's report was read first (Exhibit 1), followed by the reading of the Statistical Secretary's report by the Recording Secretary (Exhibit 2). Miss Frank was called to help the Secretary read the reports of those not present.

Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, also the report of the Auditing Committee, was given, and both were accepted and adopted. (Exhibits 3, 3-A, 3-B and 3-C).

Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Recording Secretary, and accepted. (Exhibit 4).

Appointing of committees by President. (Exhibit 5).

Report of the Home Department was read by Mrs. Roberts of Nebraska City. (Exhibit 6).

Other reports were read as follows: Light Brigade (Exhibit 7), Mission Study (Exhibit 8), Standard of Excellency (Exhibit 9), Historian (Exhibit 10), Young People's (Exhibit 11), Box Work (Exhibit 12), Maga-

zine (Exhibit 13), Life and In Memoriam (Exhibit 14), and Annuity (Exhibit 18). Only three of these secretaries were present, namely, Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Heckt and Mrs. Haase.

After the Historian's report, Mrs. Neiswanger made a motion that this report be accepted separately, as she had been present at the first meeting of the convention held in Ponca in 1880. Mrs. Willert of Tekamah told the convention that her grandfather was one of the pastors present at this meeting, and Mrs. G. E. Hickman, a daughter of Mrs. Willert, mentioned the fact that at the forty-second convention of the Nebraska Synodical Society there were three generations of this pastor's family present, Mrs. Hickman's daughter Helen being in attendance.

Report of the North Platte Conference Committee was given by Mrs. Hickman. (Exhibit 19).

Suggestion was made that the sales of the Literature Secretary at this convention be included in her report.

Motion made and carried that these reports be accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Paper on "Our Mission Stations," by Mrs. E. A. Mumford of Beatrice, given by Mrs. A. K. Walborn, and a request made that each society devote a few minutes at each meeting of our fields studying each country thoroughly.

Rev. Harry Dickey came just as the paper was started, and was very helpful in pronouncing the names and giving other information, having spent several years in India, and at present home on furlough.

He was introduced to the convention, and promised to talk later in the afternoon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35, with benediction by Rev. Dickey.

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotion by Miss Martha Frank, using for her topic "Sound Thinking."

Reading of morning minutes, with two corrections.

Report of congregational secretaries, in answer to roll call.

Following the reports of the women's societies, a solo was given by Mrs. Albert H. Rahn, Jr., of Ponca, which was very much appreciated.

Rev. Harry Dickey spoke at this time, and told of his personal work and experience in India before coming home on furlough. He also sang a song in Telugu, with the native air, which was greatly in contrast with our music. Following the close of his talk one verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung by the entire congregation.

This variation from the regular business of the session proved a wonderful rest, and the remainder of the reports were listened to with interest.

Greetings to the convention were given by Rev. O. E. Wannagat, Rev. H. R. Greenawalt, Rev. A. A. Marohn, Rev. W. A. Klink and Rev. C. R. Lowe.

Reports were continued, and of the new societies all four of the Young Women's sent delegates, and six of the Light Brigade Societies were represented.

The reports ending, it was decided, though the hour was late, that the session be continued until finished.

The report of the Synodical Lace Secretary was read at this time by Mrs. Chas. Haas of Omaha. (Exhibit 20).

Conference of Department Secretaries was formed, with the various departments divided as follows:

Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Life and In Memoriam, Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.

Magazine, Mrs. W. A. Klink.

Young People's and Light Brigade, Mrs. F. J. Weertz.

Mission Study, Mrs. H. S. Johnson.

Thank Offering and Historian, Mrs. H. C. Heckt.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. A. Klink.

Wednesday Morning—October 11

After joining Synod in the Holy Communion, the convention opened with roll call. Reading of minutes of Tuesday afternoon, which were approved.

Report of Special Committee on Summer School of Missions. (Exhibit 21).

Motion carried that this report be discussed and disposed of at this convention. After discussion, motion

carried that this be referred back to the committee to present to Synodical body and be presented to convention later.

Report of Nominating Committee read.

The report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes, not having been reported previously, a motion carried that action of last convention in regard to Amendment, allowing a Second Vice President to be added, be adopted before complete report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes and Protocol be given, since committee was in favor of said amendment.

Report of Nominating Committee re-read, and as length of time of Trustees was not designated, privilege to designate time was given to committee. (Exhibit 22).

Motion carried that Secretary cast the unanimous ballot.

Ballot cast.

Motion made to adjourn at 12:30, and meet at the designated hour. Carried.

Wednesday Afternoon

Afternoon session opened with prayer by Mrs. R. M. Badger, instead of the usual devotional service.

Sketch, "Who Killed the Magazine?" given by 12 ladies of the convention.

Report of the convention committees called for.

Box Work report given, and on account of Midland College fund, report was referred back to committee, to be re-arranged and presented later.

Committee on Claims reported and report adopted. (Exhibit 23).

A recess of a few minutes was taken to have our pictures taken with Synod.

Greetings were read from the General Executive Secretary, and also from the General Treasurer.

Rev. E. Walter addressed the convention, in behalf of Tabitha Home.

Credentials Committee report read and adopted. (See Directory page).

Report of Committee on Conference Committees read and adopted. (Exhibit 24).

Committee on Letters and Papers reported, and report adopted. (Exhibit 25).

Motion made that the letters of Miss Metta Blair and Miss Selma Anderson be sent, as a round robin, to all societies, instead of being read at convention. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries read and adopted. (Exhibit 26).

Report of Committee on President's and Officers' reports given, and motion carried the report be adopted, item by item.

Motion made we defer the discussion of the third item of recommendations, in order that we might be addressed by Dr. F. G. Gotwald. Carried.

Convention addressed by Dr. Frederick G. Gotwald, representing the Board of Education.

Discussion resumed. Vote taken that this third item be brought before the convention next year, with 27 for a separate meeting and five against.

Motion carried the rest of this report be adopted as a whole. (Exhibit 27).

Report of India lace sold at convention, \$68.46.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted. (Exhibit 28).

Report of the General Convention held in Pittsburg, in September, given by Mrs. R. M. Badger, who made mention of the raising of the General Travel fund to 10 cents per year, and also of the 24 magazine subscriptions from our state was the surprise of the convention.

This report will be filed in the Protocol.

Mrs. A. A. Marohn was informed that she had been made a Life Member by the Synodical Society, and Rev. A. A. Marohn a Life Member by the Ponca Society.

Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf of Wayne was also made a Life Member of the Synodical Society.

Motion in order for adjournment until 7 o'clock, when unfinished business would be resumed. Carried.

Evening Session

Report of Pooling Committee, and a more complete report asked to be presented later.

Invitation from Emerson presented and accepted for convention next year.

Greeting from Colorado Synodical Society read.

Mrs. Anna Mueller of Fremont, a returned Missionary from South America, presented to society.

Memorial service by Mrs. H. C. Heckt of Allen.

Consecration Service by Mrs. J. F. Weertz of Omaha, who closed with one verse of the consecration song.

Installation service by Mrs. R. E. Olsen of Omaha.

A rising vote of thanks to the retiring Recording Secretary.

Report of Summer School of Missions. (Exhibit 21-B).

Notice of Amendment, by Mrs. H. C. Heckt. (Exhibit 29).

Report of Committee on Box Work, read and adopted. (Exhibit 30).

Motion carried that all convention box work be divided equally between Midland College and Tabitha Home.

During the processional of the choir from the next room, all heads were bowed in silent prayer.

The report of the Pooling Committee re-read, and motion carried, the deficit be paid from Synodical fund. Report adopted. (Exhibit 31).

Mrs. R. M. Badger and Mrs. Holmes Dysinger allowed to file claims by consent of convention.

Motion carried, the Statistical Secretary write letter of congratulation to the Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Nelson, of Omaha, on arrival of daughter, Jean Marie.

Reading of minutes of Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions, which were approved.

Closed formally by President, with Missionary Benediction.

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET,
President.

MRS. L. A. HORNBURG,
Recording Secretary.

EXHIBIT 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another milestone has been passed in the history of the Nebraska Synodical Society, and in the Providence of God we are assembled here to review the work of the past and make plans for the future. May we build wisely and well, having as our foundation the Word of God, ever singing praises to His great and glorious name.

We have reached that point in our history, where there is but one condition for us to recognize. It is "Onward." The time is past when an intelligent Christian woman can maintain a passive attitude toward the Missionary operation of the church and fulfill her reasonable service.

The success we have attained thus far we owe to the help and guidance of our Heavenly Father, to whom all praise and thanksgiving belong. Our labor is in vain if He is not with us.

The motto of the Lutheran Church should be "Christ for the World and the World for Christ in this Generation," and hence we chose as our Convention Theme, "Education for Efficiency," and our Motto, "Service."

Careful training is given in all lines of secular work, and how much more important it is then that we have the best of training for our Master's work, Whose we are and Whom we serve. May we be much in prayer in this convention, asking God's guidance on all we do and say. We have come to know one another and let our hearts grow warm within us as we work together for Christ and the Church. There is awaiting each one of us a little duty which, in the dream of larger things, is often overlooked, but only God can tell what part that little task of ours may have in the world's work and in His Eternal Plan. Too often we overlook the little things in life in our eagerness to do something great. Let us give of ourselves of the very best that we have for we have God's promise that the very best will come back to us.

When an individual, institution or organization has for its chief aim the development of the talents and powers lying dormant within the human breast, one follows close to the Man of Galilee, and one will not be without his reward for God will prosper and bless him and he shall have an abundance.

"Sow in the morn thy seed, at eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear, give thou no heed, broadcast it
o'er the land.

Thou knowest not which shall thrive, the late or early
sown;

Grace keeps the precious germ alive, when and
wherever sown.

And duly shall appear in verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear and the full corn
at length;

Thou can't not toil in vain; cold, heat, moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain for garner in
the sky."

Let us take courage and renew our strength to work while
it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. There
has never been a time fraught with so many blessed opportuni-
ties for serving the Master, as in these days in which we are
permitted to live and work.

In the foreign field the door of Opportunity for spreading
the Gospel has never swung so wide, while in our Home Land
the work to be done almost appals us if we would still hold our
position as a Christian Nation. We are called to live clean and
pure lives today in the face of the many existing evils, and as
Christians we must stand firm as we have never stood before,
defying the powers of darkness and adhering to the principles
of the Prince of Peace.

Why is it we do not more often use the mighty instrument
of Prayer which God has put in our reach, instead of relying
so much upon our own strength, which is not sufficient to cope
with the problems that are before us. Let us believe His
promise, "Ask and it shall be given unto you," and act accord-
ingly.

Our greatest need today is more young women willing to
dedicate their all to the Service of the King and for more
mothers willing to answer the call to consecrate their sons and
daughters for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
When our country was in peril a few years ago, the enthusiasm
and loyalty of her sons was communicated to the children, the
patriotism of every boy and girl was stirred to its depths, and
today the Sons of Veterans stand as ready to defend our flag
as were those brave men who responded to the call, many of
them with their lives, in 1861. The importance of interesting
the boys and girls of the church in missions must be apparent
to all who love Christ and oh, how much depends on our earn-
estness and interest. Let our young people know that their
co-operation is absolutely necessary for the grand consumma-

tion of winning the world for Christ, then will follow their consecration.

No congregational society has done its full duty until it has agitated the question so thoroughly that LUTHERAN BOYS AND GIRLS will be placed in every church school.

Let us make this a Rally Year, and as we go home to our societies from this convention, let us take the desire for every member to win one more to our number, thus doubling our membership.

With thanksgiving we note advancement along all lines of our work, as our reports from officers and department secretaries will show.

Daily offerings for daily blessings is the ideal way to further our society through the "Thank Offering," and our goal should be a Thank Offering Box in every home, and when this is accomplished we will have begun to measure up to our opportunities.

I am pleased to announce that in response to the memorial to the General Literature Committee, sent by the members of the North Platte Conference assembled, said committee complied with the request and new topic cards for 1923 are out with three blank spaces instead of two.

I desire to thank all the officers, department secretaries and standing committees, also special committees, for their loyalty and efficient service in making this the banner year of our society. Also to extend in this public way my appreciation of the services of Mrs. E. F. Nelson of Omaha, appointed by me as Assistant Recording Secretary at the beginning of the year.

With gratitude and thanksgiving, I report the following new organizations:

Light Brigades at Tekamah, Nebraska City, Church of Our Redeemer (Omaha), Grace (Lincoln), West Point and Hooper.

Young Women's at St. Luke's (Omaha), Verdon, Emerson, and Mrs. J. F. Krueger's class of girls at Salem Church, Fremont.

A Women's Society at Verdon.

Our General Work

The effort to fulfill the society's policy of "stimulating and promoting interest in mission work, by disseminating missionary information, by promoting missionary education, and by aiding financially the missionary activities of the church," through its regularly established boards, has been continuous; endeavoring

with diligence to "co-ordinate the work of the society with that of the church, and likewise to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Societies composing the Woman's Missionary Society."

To maintain and extend organization until in every congregation of the United Lutheran Church there shall be a Women's Missionary Society.

Receipts for the bi-ennium totaled \$648,292.74, an increase of \$396,605.00 over the previous two years, and 10,000 new members were enrolled as a result of the membership canvass.

It is interesting to know that \$60.00 provides for the upkeep of a bed, or \$1,000.00 endows a bed in the hospitals of India. Also that twenty consecrated young women have responded to the call for Deaconesses, eleven going to Baltimore and nine to Philadelphia.

The Home Department has grown from 1,912 in 1920 to 4,000 in 1922.

Immigrant work is truly forging to the front in importance, and if we would only grasp the wonderful opportunity which lies at our every door and put heart and hand together to help gather in the Lutheran foreigners and other neglected immigrants, what a grand spiritual awakening for our country and what an enlarged church we would have in our "New America."

Lace Industry

Sixty-three thousand spools of thread were sent for this industry so that now the fingers of the needy lace makers may be kept busy, and \$21,290.00 was sent to the General Treasurer from this department.

Light Brigade

In the 839 Light Brigade organizations there is a membership of 27,890. One of the most important, if not the most important, auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society, is the Light Brigade. In the child of today lies the hope of the coming years, and if our children go out into the world with no missionary spirit, then will our women of the missionary societies be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Mission Study

The far reaching effects of mission study can never be measured, nor do we realize that the missionary work of the world is being supported by intelligent givers as never before. The importance of missionary study is now an established fact theoretically; but practically it has not yet come to the place

it deserves. Note the reading course for which our General Literature Committee has authorized the preparation of certificates to every individual who completes a four years' course of reading, with seals for additional years.

General Information

Our General Society is comprised of 37 Synodical Societies, 1,804 Women's Societies with 58,135 members, 391 Young Women's Societies with 8,098 members and Light Brigades already mentioned.

Has equipped and is supporting in India, three hospitals, three dispensaries, 40 schools and 34 women missionaries.

In Africa, one hospital, two dispensaries, Emma V. Day School, and out stations and women missionaries.

In Japan, four kindergartens and seven women missionaries.

In West Indies, two homes for children and one woman missionary.

In South America, one woman missionary.

Home disbursements aided erection of churches, pastors' salaries, Slav students and Jewish mission work. Twenty-one missionaries were sent out in 1920 to 1922. Forty Home Missions were aided, and of this amount 13 became self-supporting, during the years 1920 to 1922.

General Actions

Box Work—To combine inner missions box work with home box work.

Aid Societies—That Aid Societies contributing the required monthly dues be counted as Missionary Societies.

Travel Fund—That the travel fund be paid in July quarter of each year, and that the Treasurer be authorized to send a reminder.

Departments are now classified thus:

1. Life Service Department.
 - (a) Light Brigade.
 - (b) Young Women's.
 - (c) Student.
 - (d) Immigrant Student.
 - (e) Deaconess.
2. Extension Department.
 - (a) German.
 - (b) Interdenominational.
 - (c) Mission Exhibit.

3. Financial Department.
 - (a) Annuity.
 - (b) Life Membership and In Memoriam.
 - (c) Thank Offering.
4. Industrial Department.
 - (a) India Lace Industry.
 - (b) West Indies Industries.
 - (c) Box Work.

Official Acts

After the close of the convention last year, the President met with the Executive Committee and appointed department secretaries and standing committees for this year, as printed in the minutes of 1921.

The usual stationery was ordered printed and sent out to the officers, department secretaries and standing committees.

During the year, your President sent out 202 letters, 94 post cards, one night letter and three long distance telephone calls.

December 19th we sent out a Synodical letter and Christmas greetings urging all societies to conduct a membership campaign.

January 10th another Synodical letter, urging campaign for subscriptions to The Lutheran, was sent out.

February 16th to 20th your President attended the Student Volunteer Conference at Lincoln at which, of an enrollment of 150 of all denominations, 20 of whom were Lutherans, 13 volunteered for foreign service.

September 10th a Synodical letter of information pertaining to the convention was sent out.

October 5th the printed program was sent to every Women's Society.

In accordance with Memorial to Executive Committee at the North Platte Conference, and action taken at the Executive Committee meeting immediately following, I appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. R. M. Badger of Lincoln, Mrs. W. D. Crouse of Fremont, and Mrs. F. J. Weertz of Omaha, "to enquire into the feasibility of establishing a School of Missions within the bounds of this Synod, possibly in connection with Midland College," with instructions to report at this Convention. The report will be given later.

Your President found it a great privilege to attend the South Platte Conference at Lincoln, May 3rd to 4th, and the North Platte Conference at Omaha, May 10th.

Your President arranged for the coming to Omaha of Mrs. E. C. Cronk, General Superintendent of the Light Brigade, on May 21st. A mass meeting of children and Light Brigade workers was held at Kountze Memorial Church in the afternoon and another mass meeting at St. Mark's in the evening, when congregations of St. Luke's, Grace, Benson and Church of Our Redeemer joined in the services.

A copy of the Minutes of the 41st Synodical Convention was sent by your President to all department secretaries and officers of General Society.

I visited twice during the year at Tabitha Home, also Grace Church at Lincoln. Was present at the organization of the Young Women's Society of St. Luke's, Omaha, South Side. Also endeavored to organize a Light Brigade in the same church.

Your President appointed Mrs. John Herd as India Luce Secretary.

Owing to the removal of Mrs. C. F. Koch, Mission Study Secretary, from Nebraska Synod, I appointed Mrs. J. A. Fehr, who later resigned, and with the coming again of Mrs. Koch, appointed her to fill the unexpired term.

I was pleased to attend a luncheon given for Dr. Ida Scudder of Vellore College, India, and hear the glowing tribute paid to our own Dr. Anna S. Kugler, Guntur.

Societies visited were St. Mark's, Church of Our Redeemer, Benson and St. Luke's.

Your President has ordered the Mission Exhibit for this convention and urges each one to carefully note all details of the exhibit.

Recommendations

I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That all resolutions and recommendations of the General Executive Board be endorsed by this Synodical Body, and that your Executive Committee be instructed to conform their work in accordance with the same.

2. That we continue making our Synodical Special for 1923 the payment of \$300.00 toward the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen in Medical School under conditions as expressed in Minutes of 1921, page 106.

3. That the Women's Missionary Synodical Conventions be held independently of the meeting of Nebraska Synod, composed of Pastors and Laymen, and at a separate time and place.

4. That the Women's Missionary Conference Meetings be held independently of the Synodical Conference, and when possible separate conference of North Platte and South Platte be held, instead of jointly.

5. That at morn, noonday and eventide we prayerfully remember our Nebraska Missionaries, Miss Selma Andersen and Miss Mette K. Blair.

6. That we increase our subscription list to Lutheran Woman's Work, fifty per cent.

7. That we express our thanks to Mr. Walter Springer and his wife for the programs and stationery furnished our Society the past year. They have signified their willingness to furnish same this year.

8. That we urge the hearty co-operation of the pastors and members of Nebraska Synod in the missionary activities of the Women's Missionary Society.

9. That we urge the universal use of the service card in the congregational societies.

10. That a form of Bequest and Devise be adopted:

"I give and bequeath to the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, its successors and assigns, the sum of..... dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

"I hereby give and devise to the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, the following described real estate..... to have and hold the same with appurtenances thereto."

11. That there be more systematic co-operation between the congregational department secretaries, the members of the conference committee and the various Synodical department secretaries and officers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, President.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY

In making up our report for the year ending July 31, 1922, we find but one discouraging feature. We had to take two names from the list. However, we are glad to welcome a new society from the Verdon church this year, which helps to fill

the ranks. This record of thirty-one organizations leaves twenty-six congregations in the Synod without a Missionary Society. May we make the establishment of more societies our work for the next year? We have the glad news of four new Young Ladies' Societies—one at Emerson, reorganized; St. Luke's, Omaha; Fremont, Salem and one at Verdon—making nine Young Ladies' organizations, with a membership of 242. New Light Brigades are reported at The Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha; Nebraska City, West Point, Lincoln, Hooper and Tekamah, making fifteen light Brigades, with a membership of 340.

Every society except one Light Brigade sent a report, making a total of active members in all 1,364. We have 595 subscriptions to our Lutheran Woman's Work. St. Luke's, Omaha; St. Mark's, Omaha; Benson and Walton have every member a subscriber to our magazine. Fremont and York have more subscriptions than members. Thirteen societies report having held mission study classes. Week of prayer was observed by a goodly number.

In harmony with her understanding of her duty, your Secretary sent report blanks, including circular letters, twice to all the organizations; also two reports to Mrs. Jensen, the Secretary of the General Society. Sixty-four personal letters were written and all questions were cheerfully answered when it was possible to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HOLMES DYSINGER, Statistical Secretary.

EXHIBIT 3

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last year's convention theme, "Forward," carried our work onward in such a way as to give us the opportunity for a year of this year's convention theme, "Service."

You have been diligent in service, making it possible for your secretary to make the following report:

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Women's Societies										Totals										
General Fund	Quadrant Fund	Black Fund	Office	Travel	Chaplain	Offering	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members
General Fund	Quadrant Fund	Black Fund	Office	Travel	Chaplain	Offering	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members	Life Members
ALLEN	40	340	10	170	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
BEATRICE	20	140	33.50	25	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
BENEDICT	18.50	30	48.15	25	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
BENEDICT	13.50	120	4.50	30	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
DAVOTA CITY	3.10	60	8.00	30	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
EMERSON	46.00	550	75.70	140	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
FALLS CITY	22.55	200	65	3	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
PREMONT	47.00	200	65	3	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
GRAND ISLAND	51.50	575	21.50	210	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
HARDY	3.50	1	1.75	1	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
HOOPER	11	1	21	1.50	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
LINCOLN	26	3	24	4	1	1	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
NEBRASKA CITY	32.50	300	32.70	170	20	130	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
NORTH PLATTE	01.50	3	22	1	170	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
OMAHA CH. OF OUR T.D.	45.55	450	36.61	235	1	170	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
OMAHA FIRST BETH EL	77.70	730	32.50	140	1	15	20	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
OMAHA KOUNTZE M.	110	10	191	12	15	3	20	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
OMAHA ST. LUKE'S	8	1	150.01	1	15	3	20	25	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
OMAHA ST. MARK'S	48.50	430	18	210	4	20	4	25.50	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
PONGA	45.00	45	12.50	2.50	2.50	6	30	15	5	26	435	50	35	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
RISING CITY	42	450	12.7	5																
SOUTH SIOUX CITY	16																			
STELLA	11.80	16.35	1.35	350																
TEKAMAH	20.60	135	36.25	175	50	435	10													
WYALTON	2.70	5.03			2.75															
WYANE	11.70	28.05	1																	
WEST POINT	25.40	430	56.85	135	325															
WILBER	1336	170	43.10	25	5															
WOLBACH																				
YORK	540	180	16.25																	
YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES	8.60																			
EMERSON																				

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TABLE 8A. CONT.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY for YEAR ENDING July 31, 1922									
Name of Society	Roll No.	Register No.	President	Corresponding Sec.	Time of Meeting	Members at Roll	Members at Roll	Members at Roll	Roll No.
ALLEN	913	13	Mrs. Ch. Hoyer	Mrs. E. H. Allen	Last Wed. of Mo.	36	34	2	1
BEATRICE	1832	12	Mrs. Andrew Anderson	Mrs. M. M. Westcott	Second Friday	14	14	1	25
BENEDICT	1919	12	Mrs. E. Balman	Mrs. E. H. Hoyer	Second Friday	11	11	1	42, 19
BENEDICT	1921	12	Mrs. Ethel Nelson	Mrs. M. M. Westcott	Second Thursday	20	23	18	6
BENSON	1915	12	Mrs. Harry Hany	Mrs. Lillian Kistler	Second Friday	8	15	14	1
DAKOTA CITY	2	2	Mrs. George Neuber	Mrs. Lewis Larson	First Thursday	6	4	5	1
EMERSON	1320	12	Mrs. Will Zaitz	Mrs. S. H. Smith	Monthly	36	59	52	1
FALLS CITY	1319	12	Mrs. Anna Bollman	Mrs. Frank Zorn	First Wednesday	28	33	38	1
FREMONT	1319	12	Mrs. Anna Muller	Mrs. D. V. Grosse	Third Wednesday	21	59	30	20
GRAND ISLAND	1321	12	Mrs. C. B. Harmon	Mrs. A. F. Bauchler	Last Thursday	39	39	30	1
HARDY	1312	2	Mrs. James Hale	Mrs. Ada Henderson	Second Friday	5	5	5	1
HOOPER	1315	12	Mrs. R. W. Livens	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	First Thursday	8	11	5	1
LINGOLN	1856	12	Mrs. H. C. Luckey	Mrs. G. Hestegard	First Wednesday	17	22	20	2
NEBRASKA CITY	1320	12	Mrs. J. W. Triner	Mrs. W. Stein	Third Tuesday	12	25	24	2
NORTH PLATTE	1304	12	Mrs. Fred Fredrickson	Mrs. H. S. Johnson	Last Friday of Mo.	12	30	15	7
KOUNTZE MEM.	1306	12	Mrs. Richard Olson	Mrs. A. F. Duke	Second Friday	47	119	114	5
ST. LOUIS	1913	12	Mrs. W. H. Beckett	Mrs. B. B. Bowers	Third Wednesday	8	14	14	1
CLAUDE REDEHER	1317	12	Mrs. R. H. Fair	Mrs. O. E. Stiller	Second Thursday	33	49	48	1
ST. MARKS	1860	12	Mrs. Pauline Allack	Mrs. W. I. Guss	Thursday (Third)	13	48	41	7
PONCA	1850	12	Mrs. H. C. Hestegard	Mrs. S. M. Gilliland	First Friday	39	49	47	1
RISING CITY	1304	12	Mrs. Wm. Miller	Mrs. L. S. Taylor	First Wednesday	17	59	44	6
SOUTH SIOUX CITY	1320	2	Mrs. Beatrice Blaney	Mrs. Clay Armstrong	First Thursday	10	19	19	1
STELLA	1313	12	Mrs. S. H. McGinty	Mrs. M. H. McGinty	Second Thursday	8	12	18	1
TEKANAN	860	12	Mrs. G. E. Hickman	Mrs. T. L. Sullivan	First Thursday	12	21	21	3
WALTON	1316	12	Mrs. Walter Schenckley	Mrs. E. L. Sullivan	First Wednesday	7	12	10	1
WAYNE	1315	12	Mrs. J. H. Patterson	Mrs. J. H. Patterson	First Wednesday	4	12	10	2
WEST POINT	1304	12	Mrs. F. F. Ruppel	Mrs. J. M. King	First Wednesday	12	25	25	1
WILDER	1316	12	Mrs. Eugene Hopkins	Mrs. E. P. Mars	Second Tuesday	10	18	14	4
WALTON	1319	2	Mrs. Anna Sorenson	Mrs. G. H. Helm	First Friday	6	6	6	8
YORK	1321	12	Mrs. Geo. Warner	Mrs. W. H. Noreamer	Last Thursday	12	20	12	1
TOTAL						849	1782	77	146
						108	35	553	472
						860	13	786	553

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DISBURSEMENTS 1921-1922			RECAPITULATION		
	From Synodical Fund	From Special Travel Fund	From Funds & Synodical Travel Fund	Expended to Object	Balance
12-11 To Miss Holmes, Lawrence	2.49			23.40	101.05
12-12 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		14.33		73.25	125.49
12-13 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		5.55		25.00	24.75
12-14 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		5.55		31	133.51
12-15 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		7.75		5.55	57.40
12-16 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		2.19		140	130
12-17 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		2.19		25	145
12-18 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		1.63		21	32.21
12-19 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		5.05		86.37	329.01
12-20 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		16.84		38	233.50
12-21 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		11.12		85	65.85
12-22 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		2.30		100	100
12-23 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		.80	10	10	16
12-24 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		10.18	492.50	5.55	5.55
12-25 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		17.82	1782	12	12
12-26 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		178.14	178.14	7.52	7.52
12-27 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		178.14	178.14	100	100
12-28 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		3575.40	402.03	2.80	2.80
12-29 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		2138		185.50	185.50
12-30 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek		71.55		3	5
12-31 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				13	13
12-32 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				30	30
12-33 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				2	2
12-34 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				5.0	5.0
12-35 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				4.05	4.05
12-36 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				6.15	6.15
12-37 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				2	2
12-38 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				162.81	162.81
12-39 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				4145.07	4145.07
12-40 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				4311.88	4311.88
12-41 To Mrs. O'Connell, Meek				402.03	402.03
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Elizabeth S H Neiswanger	Sydney Treaster
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EXHIBIT 3-C**REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Dakota City, Nebr., October 3, 1922.

To the Women's Missionary Society:

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth S. H. Neiswanger, and find the figures as set forth in this report to be correct:

Balance on hand August 1, 1921.....\$ 162.81
 Receipts from August 1, 1921, to August 1, 1922..... 4,149.07

\$4,311.88

Total disbursements from August 1, 1921..... 4,020.33

Balance on hand August 1, 1922.....\$ 291.55

ELMER H. BEIRMAN.

HENRY H. ADAIR.

I have received \$4,149.07, credited it to the societies and remitted to the General Treasurer all funds except Synodical fee and Synodical travel fund. From these last funds, bills of convention and expenses of officers were paid. Over 400 receipts were filled out and mailed.

Although our receipts this year were larger than any other year, our excess was not as large as that of previous years. The excess of this year is only \$17.70 more than the excess of the previous three-fourths year.

I have sent quarterly reports to your President, assisted a number of department secretaries in their reports, wrote over fifty letters, and tried to give you faithful service.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER, Treasurer.

EXHIBIT 4**REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

The Executive Committee met, following the convention in Ponca, for the purpose of selecting department secretaries and other business.

A meeting was also held at the home of the President in Omaha, May 11th, for the purpose of making plans and arrangements for the fall convention.

The President was instructed to ask for a returned missionary.

Action was also taken that we continue our Synodical Special. The sum of \$300.00 to go towards the support of Miss Dorothea Mortensen.

Letters were sent to all of the societies containing a message from both the President and the Recording Secretary. These were written on the same sheet of paper and saved both stationery and postage.

On account of the President not being able to get response from her letters, the programs were not mailed at this time, but were sent out later.

Motions which Mrs. D. W. Crouse made at the North Platte Conference meeting were also adopted at the May Executive meeting, and which are given in the report of the North Platte Conference Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. HORNBERG,

Recording Secretary.

EXHIBIT 5

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

Credentials: Miss Martha Frank, Miss Lulu Bonderson, Miss Mathilda Becker.

President's and Officers' Reports: Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. Anna Mueller, Mrs. H. C. Heckt.

Reports of Department Secretaries: Mrs. Fred Weertz, Mrs. Niebuhr, Mrs. Swanson.

Box Work and Literature: Miss Suda Wood, Mrs. H. F. Bowers, Mrs. Lindahl.

Last Year's Convention and Conference: Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Miss Grace Breternitz, Mrs. H. A. Bauer.

Letters and Papers: Miss Mable Brazda, Mrs. Hans Jurgens.

Claims: Mrs. H. A. Greenawalt, Mrs. Zeigler.

Resolutions: Mrs. Richard Olsen, Mrs. Harrold, Mrs. Roberts.

Pooling: Mrs. W. F. Ottman, Mrs. A. L. Krouse, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

India Lace: Mrs. Chas. Haas, Mrs. Otto Nelson.

Mission Exhibit: Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Reporters: Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. G. E. Heckman; The Lutheran, Mrs. W. A. Klink; Local Papers, Mrs. Lipe.

Literature Table: In charge of Mrs. A. K. Walborn.

Lost and Found Department: Mrs. Gladys Lipe.
Greeting to Synod: Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT, 1921-1922

Out of thirty-two letters sent, I have received replies from twenty-five societies. Thirteen societies report no Home Department, while twelve report that they have a Home Department.

This means an increase of four new Home Departments over and above the number reported last year, for which we are very grateful.

Last year we were able to report only eighty-six Home Department members, and forty-four subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, while we now have 122 Home Department members and 132 subscriptions to Woman's Work.

City	Name of Church	No. Home Department Members	No. Women's Work	Weeks Read	Contribution
Benedict	Zion	4	4	..	\$ 1.45
Beatrice	Trinity	10	29	..	59.10
Fremont	Salem	2	1	..	....
Emerson	St. Luke's	4	..	6	.50
Hooper	Grace	2	2	..	....
Lincoln	Grace	4	4	..	....
Nebraska City	First	6	26	..	....
North Platte	First	16	15	..	2.00
Omaha	St. Mark's	9	9	..	1.00
Omaha	St. Luke's	4	12	4	....
Omaha	Kountze Memorial	54	27	..	....
Tekamah	Emmanuel	7	3	7	....
Total		122	132	17	\$64.05

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. PETRING,
Home Department Secretary.

EXHIBIT 7**REPORT OF LIGHT BRIGADE SUPERINTENDENT**

We are sorry to report but thirteen societies in the Light Brigade. It seems there are always some who disband for various reasons, usually lack of leadership. If we could solve this problem we would have very little trouble, as there is usually some new organizations to report. This time we have Hooper, and we wish them success.

We now have 389 members in the Light Brigade. There are ninety-nine Little Lights, 101 Lamp Lights and 189 Torch Bearers.

The contributions have been specified as: General Fund, \$97.06; Little Lights boxes, \$11.00; Thank Offering, \$97.34; special objects (which includes box work for Foreign Missions, Bible Women, Meta Blair and various other objects), \$136.15, and thread for the lace industry of India.

Five societies report the use of Thank Offering boxes and nine use the programs suggested in Lutheran Woman's Work.

Let our aim for the coming year be a Light Brigade in every congregation of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON.

EXHIBIT 8**REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY**

Your Mission Study Secretary reports as follows:

As a result of sending two circular letters, tracts and a number of personal letters to every society and pastor in the Synod, the list of mission study classes has grown to twenty-six. This increase is indeed gratifying to your Secretary. Out of the twenty-six classes, eighteen were study classes, six reading circles and two lecture courses. There was a total of 340 members enrolled in all classes.

The following items are important, showing what some churches have done:

Emmanuel Church, Tekamah, had four classes.

North Platte Church conducted four classes.

As a result of the mission study classes in Kountze Memorial, Omaha, the Missionary Societies took out five shares at \$10.00 each for the Union Colleges in the Orient.

These churches have reported classes to me: Verdon, Tekamah (four), St. Mark's, Omaha; Church of the Redeemer,

Omaha; Kountze Memorial, Omaha (two); Rising City; Salem, Fremont; Midland College (three); Emmanuel, Dakota City; West Point, Wilber, Allen, Lincoln, Benson, North Platte (four); Zion, Benedict; Hooper.

This year we have two home and two foreign text books to study. A class may select for study any one or all of the four. The home books treat of the important negro problem. "The Trend of the Races," by Haynes, is safe, sane and conservative, and also intensely interesting; a good book for study. "In the Vanguard of a Race," by Mrs. Hammond, contains twelve biographical sketches of successful negro men and women. It is especially recommended for study classes and reading circles. Of the foreign books, "India on the March," by Clark, is interesting to Lutheran women because it presents a fine picture of Dr. Kugler's work. "Lighted to Lighten, the Hope of India," by Van Doran, is a simpler book, treating of girlhood and womanhood in India. This book has four and one-half pages given to Dr. Darn, the assistant of Dr. Kugler.

In a short time each society will receive a letter with fuller announcement of these text books. Any one or all of them is worthy of your study. Our motto for next year is "One Hundred Per Cent of Missionary Societies Active in Mission Study."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH,
Mission Study Secretary.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The response to the report blanks sent out by your Secretary of the Standard of Excellence has been especially gratifying, and I wish to thank the various societies who made our report possible.

As for the Young Ladies' Standard of Excellence Report, in state only seven societies have reported. One of these, Verdon, is new; another, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, is a second rank society, having attained eighty per cent. However, this statement is not as discouraging as it might seem from the standpoint of the young people as the recruits for the women's societies. One Luther League program includes the Young People's Missionary program, and since we have some thirty Luther Leagues in the state you see our young people are not

without missionary instruction. Furthermore, since we are not asked not to organize a Young People's Missionary Society where there is a Luther League, it seems to me we will have to strive for a workable condition of the two.

Of the thirty-three women's societies, twenty-eight have reported; one, Verdon, is new. Eleven are honor societies. That is, they have attained ten or more of the twelve points. Two of these, Lincoln and North Platte, deserve special mention in that they are each 100 per cent societies; and Allen, Fremont and Nebraska City have only missed it by one point. Our goal for the next biennium is to be among the Synodical societies on the honor roll at the 1924 General Convention.

By making a summary, it is found that the points which the most societies fail to attain are four and six. That is, that for the majority it is hard to have a subscription list equal to the active membership, and that as yet the majority of our societies have not undertaken their responsibility of electing a Light Brigade Superintendent and organizing a Light Brigade in the congregation.

These points will probably be stressed elsewhere during the convention, but let me plead with you to give these two points your earnest and prayerful consideration during this year which is now already under way. Surely then you will have results.

Then there are three other points that should be brought to your attention. Numbers one, five and nine, respectively, in the order of failure of attainment.

First. Concerning membership. Let us exert ourselves to see that our increase be a net increase, a real increase—over and above all losses.

Second. Point number five is a new one in the Standard—but surely a literature secretary can be appointed in each congregation society who will co-operate with the Light Brigade and Home Department Secretaries, Pastor and Sunday School Superintendents to see that all shut-ins, children, and friends of the church and Sunday School are regularly supplied with missionary literature. This ought to be one of the points most possible for every society to attain.

Third. Point number nine has to do with the support of the financial specials authorized by our General, Synodical and Conference Societies. Perhaps the term SPECIAL is too general for some of us. To keep in touch with these specials involves attainment of two other points, seven and eleven.

If we are represented at conference and Synodical meetings our delegates can get the latest information concerning the specials and bring it back to us.

If we treat all communication from our officers in a business like way, as suggested in eleven, we would find that, too, a source of information.

Your Secretary of the Standard of Excellence, at any time, would be glad to explain in detail the compass of such a generalized point.

I pray you that we all work together for a higher attainment of these points especially.

Early in the year your secretary sent a large poster copy and enough smaller copies for the entire membership to each congregational society. A letter of explanation with explanatory literature inclosed, telling what was necessary in order to attain the various points was also sent to each congregational society. Then recently the request for reports on the Standard was sent out to each society.

We have given our new standard a year of trial and are already embarked on the second. I believe the finest thing about it is that it is consistent with our motto, "Forward," as nearly every point involves annual increase, so that even the 100 per cent new societies will have to forge ahead during the new year to attain the increase.

Let us pull together in the future, not for the sake of attainment in the Standard of Excellence—No! But, for greater efficiency in our services in the vineyard of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN.

Since typing this report, a copy of the tentative Standard of Excellence for the Light Brigade has arrived. Mrs. Cronk, our General Light Brigade-Superintendent, suggests that it be put in operation at once by giving it out at the Synodical meeting. So be sure to get your copy.

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN.

EXHIBIT 10

HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1922-1923

Who can trace all the sources of a river? Who can say, from the snows on such a mountain peak, from the springs of such an upland valley, from the bosom of such a lake, have come the tributaries that unite in this broad stream? But every

eye can see the result of those hidden forces, the mighty river as it nears the sea, bearing fleets upon its breast, to swell the commerce or the armaments of nations. So it is hard to tell where a great religious movement originates. On what dazzling mountain heights of prayer, in what hidden emotions of the heart, in what hours of quiet meditation, arose the impulse that set the women of all denominations in America to organize for mission work in the latter half of the nineteenth century? But there is nothing obscure about the vast current of that work today, with its agencies for uplift and healing at home and abroad. We are going to trace, as well as we may, the origin and source of just one of its tributaries, our own Woman's Missionary Society, now leaving its separate course to mingle in a broader stream of service. Some of these sources are, fortunately, well defined for us in various events which took place in the years 1879 and 1880.

In response to the first call for a Missionary Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod, at Ponca, in September, 1880, one solitary delegate, Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, presented her credentials, which she had carried from the Tekamah overland to Ponca, a distance of eighty miles, being one of the party piloted through the country to the Eighth Annual meeting of the Nebraska Synod, by Mr. Michael Olinger, of sainted memory, one of Burt county's earliest and noblest Lutheran pioneers. The route traveled the first day led through the Omaha Indian reservation and made the whole party, consisting of Father Olinger, Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D.; Rev. J. C. Brodfulner, J. W. Kimmel and Mrs. Kimmel. The President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Woman's Synodical Society were on the ground and kindly received the one Auxiliary delegate. The same day Mrs. J. P. Schnure and Mrs. J. Zimmerman, both of Dakota City, the adjoining pastorate, were also gladly welcomed. The Ponca Auxiliary Society was then rallied to the front and at the appointed time, Friday afternoon, September 16, 1880, the convention was called to order by the President of the Synod, with Rev. J. P. Schnure as Secretary. Verbal reports of the work so far as known were made by the ladies and some of the pastors present, which appeared quite encouraging, considering that the oldest Auxiliary Society had existed one year and the youngest less than two months. After the verbal reports the constitution prepared by the General Society for Synodical organizations was adopted, and the officers duly elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. J. W.

Kimmel, Tekamah; Vice President, Mrs. G. H. Schnure, Ponca; English Secretary, Miss Lou Laisenring, Omaha; German Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Nagal, Brada; Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Schnure, Dakota City.

After some instruction and encouragement, the meeting adjourned with prayer, to meet at place thereafter determined by the Synod.

Members present at this convention, as far as learned, were: Mrs. G. H. Schnure, Mrs. O. M. Childs, Mrs. J. Stough, Mrs. McQuaid, Mrs. Bisbee, Mrs. Kingsbury, Mrs. Mikesel of Ponca, Mrs. J. P. Schnure, Mrs. J. Zimmerman of Dakota City, and Mrs. Kimmel of Tekamah.

How many burning and shining lights were to come twinkling out from that modest cruise no one in that day of small beginnings had dared to dream. But now the work was begun, the women had offered their services to the Master, and He stood ready to multiply their gifts many fold. Forty-two years ago, only a thought that gradually unfolded and blossomed into action; today an equipped organization, beautiful in its spirit of unity of purpose and activity, with the boards of our church and our pastors. Forty-two years ago a company of women, scarcely able to utter a prayer in a woman's meeting or conduct the exercises of an auxiliary society, with scarcely one equal to the task of presiding over a general convention. Today we feel that almost any one of our number could fill nearly any of those positions with credit. Forty-two years ago a little group of women meeting to organize; today a membership of women and children over 1,200. Forty-two years ago a treasury just established; today a total of over \$4,149.07.

As my official duty, questionnaires were sent out to each society in the state. Most of them were promptly returned filled out, and from the study of them I bring the following report:

I find twenty-six Mission Study classes. Nearly all the societies used the text book study, program packets and Lutheran Woman's Work (we rejoice in that). The offerings from most societies have been an increase over that of last year. Not as many holding public Thank Offering meetings as we would like, yet almost all observing the Thank Offering service. The average attendance at monthly meetings shows a splendid increase. From the reports sent to me I find we received eighty-six new members, thirteen in the Home Department and six honorary members, fourteen life memberships made and seven

"In Memoriam." I am sorry that Auburn, St. Paul's, no longer has a society. Omaha societies had the great opportunity and pleasure of hearing our dear Mrs. E. C. Cronk and a missionary from India. This indeed would mean much to the women of the church, to come in personal contact with these dear workers. Kountze Memorial was the hostess of the North Platte Conference last May. This meeting was very inspirational and helpful to all who had the privilege of attending. Several societies observed the Week of Prayer, and also made a house to house canvass of the congregation for members and magazine subscriptions.

The following list of material will be added to the Historian's collection: A complete number of Lutheran Woman's Work for the past year, one copy of the study text book, "The Why and How of Foreign Missions;" a complete program packet, one copy of mission study text book, "The Kingdom and the Nations;" one copy of Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Convention.

Such has been the work of the past year and years. What its rewards have been no words can tell. They are more than the satisfaction of the members gathered and money given, more even than the joy of missionaries sent, buildings erected and converts brought into the Kingdom—something more precious than all outward success has come into the lives of those who have shared in this service, even in the presence of the Master Himself. May He accept the harvest we lay at His feet.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECHT, Historian.

EXHIBIT 11

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, 1921-1922

During the past year about forty letters were written by the Secretary, and before the Spring Conference Mrs. G. E. Hickman of Tekamah also assisted in the work of this department. The field for the work of this department is very large, and only a very small number of the churches who do not have Young Women's Societies were written. If a real campaign was made for new Young Women's Societies, I feel sure the results would be gratifying. Of course this calls for leadership on the part of the women's societies.

I have been unable to secure reports for all societies and so my report to you must of a necessity be incomplete. Of the

reports received, only one society shows an increase, while two show a small decrease. We are happy to report two new societies, Verdon and St. Luke's, Omaha, and the society at Emerson reorganized from a Young People's to a Young Women's Society. The total number of Young Women's Societies is now nine, but with over thirty Women's Societies we should have at least the same number of Young Women's Societies. With the help of every organized society, both Women's and Young Women's, we feel that we may take for our goal for the coming year "A Young Women's Society in Every Congregation that has a Women's Society."

Our Treasurer's report shows that the Young Women's Societies have made contributions totalling \$452.34. While I feel the primary object of our Missionary Societies is to cultivate a missionary spirit in our churches, yet the securing of funds to promote the work of our missionaries everywhere is of vital importance. This report shows a material increase over last year and it also shows that we need training in giving as well as in serving, and as our young women grow into the Women's Societies the effects of this training will be felt.

Respectfully submitted,
L. MILDRED HENKEL, Secretary.

EXHIBIT 12

REPORT OF SECRETARY ON BOX WORK

Your Secretary on Box Work submits the following report:

Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer: Convention box work, \$2.00; Midland, \$28.00; Tabitha, \$6.50 cash.

Omaha—St. Mark's: Inner Missions, \$5.00.

Omaha—Kountze Memorial: Union Colleges of the Orient, \$30.00; Tabitha, \$10.00; crippled children, \$6.00; ministerial relief, \$25.00; European relief, clothing, \$412.50.

Benedict—Zion: Convention box work, \$3.00; Midland, \$5.00; Tabitha, fruit, clothing and cash, \$42.10; India lace, \$6.00.

Bethel: Tabitha, fruit, \$3.00.

Tekamah: Convention box work, \$5.00; Tabitha, fruit, clothing and cookies, \$81.00; European relief clothing, \$125.00; India lace, \$6.00; clothing for Inner Missions, \$10.00; Light Brigade's cards for Virgin Islands, \$3.00.

Stella: Christian literature in Union Christian lands, \$7.00; India lace, \$4.15.

Hardy: Tabitha, comforts and cash, \$29.00.

Allen: Convention box work, \$5.00; Tabitha box, \$11.00; missionaries, \$32.00.

West Point: Home Missions, \$10.00.

Wayne: Home Mission work, \$5.00; student support, \$18.00. Light Brigade: Box, \$6.00; foreign missions, \$5.00; student support, 60 cents.

Beatrice: Tabitha, cash, \$5.00.

Rising City: Convention box work, \$25.00; Tabitha, box, \$136.00; Tabitha, cash, \$75.00; Home Missions, \$10.00. Light Brigade: Box to Virgin Islands, \$17.50.

North Platte: Inner Mission work, \$115.00; Home Mission work, \$5.00; India lace sold, \$109.00; support of Bible women, \$50.00. Light Brigade: Home Mission work, \$5.00.

Hooper: Convention box work, \$5.00.

Wolbach: Tabitha, fruit, eggs and books, \$31.00; box of toys and clothing for Virgin Islands, \$10.00; India lace, \$3.00.

Wilber: Midland, \$10.00; Tabitha, box, \$25.00.

Summary

Convention box work.....	\$ 200.00
Midland	43.00
Tabitha	494.00
Home and Inner Missions.....	176.00
Crippled children	6.00
Ministerial relief	25.00
European relief	537.00
Colleges of the Orient.....	30.00
India lace	128.15
Virgin Islands	30.50
Christian literature	7.00
Missionaries	37.00
Student support	18.60
Bible women	50.00

\$1,603.35

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK.

EXHIBIT 13

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY

I am glad that I can give a report showing an increase from last year's 415 subscriptions to 571 this year, a gain of

37 per cent, which shows that the two subscription campaigns held during the year met with at least some success.

The reports received show an increase in membership of 75, with an increase of subscriptions of 156, which would indicate that we are beginning to realize the need of our members being subscribers of our splendid magazine.

I sent letters and leaflets to all societies (and pastors of churches not having societies), soliciting their co-operation in the May and June campaign. Report blanks were also sent out, but am sorry to say that not near all societies reported.

Wrote thirty-one letters during the intensive campaign which was put on in September. Fourteen societies responded with a total of twenty-eight subscriptions. That our gain may be permanent, let us not forget to look after our renewals.

Ask your friends to subscribe. Have a part in helping to prepare "A Workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

EXHIBIT 14

REPORT OF LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM DEPARTMENT

On January 31, 1922, the department Secretary sent to each of the thirty-two Women's and five Young People's Societies a circular letter from our General Department Secretary, Mrs. L. K. Sandford, with the regular department leaflets and a personal note.

Again on September 2, 1922, a circular letter with return postals by your Department Secretary and more leaflets were sent to each society listed. We received reports from twenty-eight Women's and four Young People's Societies.

The Department Secretary takes this means of thanking all societies reporting for their prompt and courteous replies.

From July 31, 1921, to July 31, 1922, there were received in the Women's Societies, 12 Life, seven In Memoriam, and in the Young People's Societies, two Life members, making a total of 14 Life members and seven In Memoriam, thereby adding \$285.00 through this department to the general fund.

The year 1920 to 1921, there were received 23 Life and eight In Memoriam, making a total for this biennium, of 37 Life and 14 In Memoriam members. It might be interesting to know that the \$660.00 received through this department this

biennium places us fifteenth in rank of all societies in the United Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies in the Life and In Memoriam department.

The goal set by them was \$40,000.000 for this biennium, and was almost reached, \$36,410.00 was received through this department alone.

In a recent letter from Mrs. Sandford, she expresses her great appreciation and pleasure in the splendid support given the department the past biennium.

She also stated all photos and photo plates for child Life members should now be sent to Mrs. Helen Beegle, 1219 Fulton Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

We urge all societies to report Life and In Memoriam members to your Synodical Life and In Memoriam Secretary when you send your fees to the Synodical Treasurer.

Also, that you may receive certificates without unnecessary delay (read your leaflets well), and send full and correct data to the Synodical Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. H. HAASE,

Life and In Memoriam Secretary.

EXHIBIT 15

REPORT OF STUDENT SECRETARY

Upon being appointed Student Secretary a year ago, I learned that 14 congregations had not sent in their report on students. I wrote these congregations, receiving replies from ten. These, together with the reports received by my predecessor, were sent in to our General Secretary, Miss Markley.

This September the Board of Education, with the cooperation of the Women's Missionary Society, began the fourth year of work among women students. During the past academic year, 89 groups were visited by Miss Markley and her assistant. So successful has been the response from Synodical Student Secretaries in securing the names of women students that this year a call comes from our Grand Secretary, asking for the names of both men and women students in all colleges, Lutheran and non-Lutheran. Accordingly, I sent out in September letters and memorandum blanks to 41 congregations of our Synod. Where the congregation was without a pastor, these were sent to a laymen or member of the Missionary Society.

To date, I have received 37 reports. From these we report 75 men and 80 women students. Of these, 63 are attending our denominational schools. We note with gratitude that 11 young men are looking forward to the Gospel ministry, and one young lady to the mission fields. Seven are planning on a medical course. Let us pray that some may become medical missionaries. Seven congregations are yet to reply, and we hope to receive replies soon, that a full report may be sent to our General Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RALPH W. LIVERS,

Student Secretary.

EXHIBIT 16

REPORT OF THANK OFFERING SECRETARY

The increase of Thank Offering for the past year is not so large as that of a year ago, but we feel sure that it is due to the financial situation, rather than to neglect on the part of the people to express their gratitude to God.

The Thank Offering for the year ending July 1, 1922, is \$1,343.67, and that of the previous year \$1,797.63—an increase of \$156.04.

Would it not be a good plan for each missionary member, as she offers her evening prayer to her Heavenly Father, to drop a penny into her Thank Offering box for the blessings of that day. If we could only form the habit of making a daily offering, I am sure it would make us better Christians, and our offerings would be much increased.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT 17

REPORT OF LITERATURE SECRETARY

Received for orders taken at Wayne.....	\$ 24.17
Received for cash sales at Wayne.....	67.93
Orders taken during the year.....	53.59
Total	\$145.69
Sales at Omaha Conference in May (Sent in by Mrs. Van Fleet)	\$ 4.25

Sales at Ponca..... 50.78

Sent to Literature headquarters, \$145.69.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. RANGELER,
Literature Secretary.

EXHIBIT 18

REPORT OF ANNUITY SECRETARY

The Annuity Department of the Women's Missionary Society of the English Nebraska Synod has not increased (this last year.

I have tried by correspondence, and by sending literature explaining the department work, to interest the members. So far this year, no results. Two answers were received in response to the letters sent out.

We sing "Trust and obey, for there's no other way," but let us change these words this year and sing "Hope and pray that there may be some way" to interest some one who will give to this cause. Will not each society present this department at least once in each quarter? Four times a year! Is that too often to plead for funds to help carry on the work of this important organization?

If you are not old enough to receive the six per cent, do not withhold your gift on that account; take a bond at five per cent. The Annuity is business and benevolence combined, and is one way of serving in the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. KRUEGER.

EXHIBIT 19

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WORK

The report of the North Platte Conference Committee has by necessity been done mostly by correspondence. The work or organization was divided among the three members as follows: Women's Societies, Mrs. Ebright; Light Brigade, Mrs. Fetterolf, and Young Ladies', Mrs. Hickman.

Each member was also given certain congregations to keep in touch with concerning conference matters.

In spite of the efforts put forth, seemingly there are few results. We have no new Women's Societies; one new Young Ladies, Omaha (St. Luke's), and four new Light Brigades, West Point, Hooper, Tekamah and Omaha (Our Redeemer).

The work of organizing Young Ladies' Missionary Societies is baffling. By the Missionary Society we are urged not to overlook our young ladies, but to see that they have missionary societies of their own which will be the training school of the future women's societies. By the Luther League we are asked not to organize Young Ladies' Missionary Societies in congregations where a Luther League is already organized. The result is that since there are thirty Luther Leagues among our congregations, it is uphill business to have 100 per cent Young Ladies' Missionary organizations.

Surely in the near future, since the Luther League programs already include the Young Ladies' missionary program, a workable combination of the two will unfold itself.

However, the report from the Standard of Excellence seems to signify that many of our old societies have taken new life and have accomplished much more this year.

Two meetings of the committee with two members present were held to make plans for the North Platte Conference. The rest of the plans were made through correspondence. This meeting was held May 10, 1922, in Omaha, at Kountze Memorial Church, in an afternoon and evening session.

Owing to the inability of any of the members of the committee to preside, our Synodical President, Mrs. Van Fleet, presided.

The afternoon session opened at 2:30, and was as follows:

Devotional services, Mrs. F. E. Wood.

Greetings, Mrs. R. Olsen.

Response, Mrs. R. E. Herman.

Our Junior Work, Mrs. J. F. Weertz.

Greetings from General and Synodical Department Secretary.

Round Table, Mr. G. E. Hickman.

Closing prayer, Dr. O. D. Baltzly.

Report of the North Platte Conference Committee work concluded.

Evening Session

Devotional service, Special Music.

Playlet, Young Ladies' Society of Kountze Memorial.

Address, "Work in South American Fields," Mrs. Anna H. Mueller of Fremont, a missionary to South America.

Closing hymn and prayer.

Number of delegates present, 25; visitors, 11; offering, \$21.12.

There were three outstanding features of this meeting.

1. That we were able to have a missionary from a foreign field with us and to hear her interesting and inspiring address.

2. A resolution was passed, namely, "Be It Resolved, that the North Platte Conference request the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Synodical Missionary Society to inquire into the feasibility of establishing a 'School of Missions' within the bounds of this Synod, possibly in connection with Midland College. And if this committee deems it wise to bring some recommendation concerning this matter at the next regular meeting of the Synodical convention."

3. A memorial to the General Society. The North Platte Conference of the Nebraska Synodical Society requests that the monthly program folder be made large enough to permit of three blank spaces instead of two.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

MRS. J. H. FETTEROLF.

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN.

EXHIBIT 20

REPORT OF INDIA LACE SECRETARY

The India Lace Secretary for the State is comparatively a new appointed office. The duty and object of this office is to get in touch with all the societies in our churches and if possible have one of the members appointed as Lace Secretary. This secretary is responsible for all laces. Laces that cannot be sold can be returned to the State Secretary.

All checks should be made payable to the State Secretary. This is to alleviate the correspondence of the different societies to the headquarters in Philadelphia. We hope you will cooperate with this plan, and in this way we will be able to accomplish a great work.

The India lace industry has grown to be quite an organization, having more than 500 widows and children making these laces. Most of them are self-supporting, and many of them active and ardent workers, and are the means of bringing many

precious souls to Christ. These beautiful laces are not high in price. You cannot duplicate them anywhere for the same money.

I have found they are greatly appreciated when given as gifts.

So let each delegate here go home to her own society and talk India lace and appoint a secretary. Ask for a consignment so you will have it for the holiday season.

Your India Lace Secretary submits the following report of laces sold:

Benson Lutheran, Omaha.....	\$ 6.02
Kountze Memorial, Omaha.....	136.38
Kountze Memorial Young Ladies, Omaha.....	29.51
St. Mark's, Omaha.....	77.73
North Platte	109.03
Tekamah	29.00

\$387.67

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN S. HERD, Secretary.

EXHIBIT 21-A

After due consideration, we, your committee "to investigate the advisability of establishing a Summer School of Missions in Fremont," present to you the following:

1. An Interdenominational Summer School of Missions to cover a period of time from five to ten days, which would consist of a program of Bible studies, inspirational speeches, reviews of the Home Missions, and the Foreign Missions study books, a school of missionary methods or conference meetings, missionary literature tables and methods.

This would be a Woman's School of Missions. It might be held in the dormitory assembly room of Midland College during the vacation period.

To finance such a school and to help establish it, the Interdenominational Board of Home Mission Study Classes and the Interdenominational Board of Foreign Mission Study Classes each offer \$50.00 for a period of three years. A fee could be secured from those attending to pay expenses, especially for printing and advertising.

2. A Lutheran Summer Assembly, which would, in addition to the Summer School of Missions, cover the dates of the

Students' and Pastors' Conference, Luther League and Sunday Schools, School of Instruction, Synodical Conferences, Missionary Conferences, Denominational Rallies and Bible Classes.

To finance this would require that, besides a regular fee charged those attending, each department would provide its own program of speakers, at least until the assembly is established.

Your committee think it advisable to consult with and secure the co-operation of the Synod of our State and of the adjoining States, also of the boards of other denominations in the territory.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. BADGER, Chairman.

MRS. D. W. CROUSE, Secretary.

MRS. F. J. WEERTZ.

EXHIBIT 21-B

Your committee met with a committee from Synod, consisting of Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf and Rev. R. W. Livers. Enthusiasm was expressed for a Lutheran Summer Assembly. We therefore recommend that these committees be continued until next convention, and that the Women's Society plan for a Summer School of Missions for the summer of 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. BADGER.

MRS. HOLMES DYSINGER.

EXHIBIT 22

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee beg to report the following names for officers:

President.....	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet
First Vice President.....	Mrs. A. A. Marohn
Second Vice President.....	Mrs. W. I. Guss
Recording Secretary.....	Miss Mable Brazda
Statistical Secretary.....	Mrs. Holmes Dysinger
Treasurer.....	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger
Historian.....	Mrs. H. C. Heckt

Trustees

Mrs. W. I. Guss.....	2 years	1924
Mrs. M. D. Willert.....	2 years	1924
Mrs. A. K. Walborn.....	1 year	1923

Committee

Mrs. A. K. Walborn.....Chairman

EXHIBIT 23

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

The Committee on Claims submit the following:

Mrs. D. M. Nelawanger, Treasurer—		
300 printed post cards receipts.....	\$ 6.00	
Salary	5.00	
Postage	1.75	\$12.75
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, President—		
Phone calls, postage, telegrams, night letters.....	\$10.24	
Railroad fare	8.80	19.04
Mrs. W. F. Rangeler, postage.....		\$ 4.29
Mrs. H. C. Heckt, postage and cards.....		1.19
Mrs. H. C. Fackelman, Ponca, phone call and auto service for Mrs. Hellman.....		5.00
Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, postage and M. S. Helps.....		7.90
Mrs. C. B. Harman, postage and stationery for T. O. secretary		1.10
Mrs. Anna Mueller, expenses to North Platte Conference meeting		3.00
Mrs. G. E. Hickman, expenses for Standard of Excellency work and North Platte work.....		4.00
Mrs. O. W. Ebright, for North Platte Conference expense		2.40
Mrs. R. M. Badger, South Platte Conference expense....		4.00
Mrs. Holmes Dysinger, railroad fare.....		6.82
Mrs. E. E. Shlmonek, expense box work.....		.75
Mrs. L. A. Hornburg—		
Postage for mailing and shipping directions for boxes and supplies to West Indies last year		\$1.10
Postage for sending Synodical letters in Sep- tember		.25
Cards and miscellaneous letters.....	2.00	
Ribbon for badges.....	2.00	
Railroad fare	8.80	13.25
Total.....		\$87.89

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ZEIGLER.

MRS. H. L. GREENAWALT.

EXHIBIT 24**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S
CONVENTION**

1. We have examined the reports of the Conference Committees and are pleased to note that both committees held interesting and helpful conventions.

We wish to commend the committee for their efficient service and are glad to know of the newly organized societies: One Woman's, one Young Woman's and one Light Brigade in the South Platte Conference; one Young Woman's and four Light Brigades in the North Platte Conference.

The resolution presented at the North Platte Conference meeting, concerning a Summer School of Missions, has been acted upon.

2. We have carefully examined the minutes of the last convention and notice a few minor changes. On page 103, Exhibit T should be Exhibit S. On page 111, for detailed report see pages 112 and 113; and page 96 should be added.

On page 107, Recommendation 3, authority was given for the printing of Life Membership blanks for the use of the Congregational societies. Has this been done?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER.

MISS GRACE M. BRETERNITZ.

MRS. H. A. BAUER.

EXHIBIT 25**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS**

The first paper of the convention was a most excellent one by Mrs. R. E. Anderson of Allen, on "Education for Efficiency." She stressed the four points.

1. What education is and its relation to life.
2. What efficiency is and its relation to education and accomplishments of aims.
3. Why efficiency is impossible without education.
4. The value of educated efficiency in evangelization.

In a letter from Metta K. Blair, she states that she has taken her first year exams in Telugu and that she is now stationed at Arogyvaram, as nursing superintendent. She is sure that she will be happy in her work there.

Mrs. Walter Weier, the General Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society, sends best wishes to the convention, and thanks for our women's generous support of the work. She asks that we remember the general treasury when making our plans for 1923.

Miss Selma Anderson writes most interesting letters of her work in India. She gives an account of the Girls' Luther League Convention. She writes a description of a festival week which is celebrated much as our own Fourth of July. In describing the first day of school, she laments the fact that so many are turned away because of insufficient room, and she pleads for colored pictures and papers which the children use as covers for their text books. She gives a description of the efficiency tests which are used as a basis for selection of children applying for admission in the boarding school.

In the paper, "Directions for a Map Talk," prepared by Mrs. Mumford and read by Mrs. A. K. Walborn, she suggests that a mission field be studied for a short time while at each meeting, taking up the physical geography of the country and using charts and pictures.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Helen Beegle, the Executive Secretary, sends greetings and best wishes to the convention.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. HANS JURGENS.

MABLE I. BRAZDA.

EXHIBIT 26

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

We have reviewed the reports of the following department secretaries:

Light Brigade, Mission Study, Thank Offering, India Lace, Annuity, Historian, Life and In Memoriam, Standard of Excellence, Young Women, Magazine, Home, Student and Box Work.

1. Light Brigade. We note with gratitude the report of the Light Brigade and are thankful to God for the renewed interest of our societies in training our children. Sixteen Light Brigades are in active service, six of which were newly organized this year. They are at Tekamah, West Point, Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha; Nebraska City and Lincoln. We welcome them and wish them God's blessing. The aim for the coming year is the Light Brigade in every congregation of our Synod.

2. **Mission Study.** The list of Mission Study classes has grown to twenty-six. Out of the twenty-six classes, eighteen were study classes, six reading circles and two lecture courses. There was a total of 340 members enrolled in all classes. The motto for next year is "One Hundred Per Cent of Missionary Societies Active in Mission Study." May each society live up to this motto.

3. **Thank Offering.** The increase of Thank Offering for the past year is not so large as that of a year ago. We feel sure that is due to the financial situation, rather than to neglect on the part of the people to express their gratitude to God. A plan has been suggested that each missionary member as she offers her evening prayer to her Heavenly Father, to drop a penny into her Thank Offering box for her blessings of the day. Let us form the habit of making a daily offering and our Thank Offering will be much increased.

4. **India Lace.** The India Lace Secretary for the state is comparatively a new appointed office, whose duty is to encourage the sale of India lace made by widows and children whose livelihood depends on the purchase of their industry. May each society co-operate with the Lace Secretary and ask for a consignment of lace and help be a means of bringing many precious souls to Christ.

6. **Historian.** The devoted work of our pioneer missionaries has brought forth many shining lights. Our records already have shown the harvest that is being reaped from the seeds sown in those early days.

7. **Life and In Memoriam.** We are glad to read of the interest being taken in this department. Not only does it show that the societies appreciate the honor of belonging to the Women's Missionary Society, but that we like to keep present with us the memory of those who have "Finished the Fight." May the work be still further blessed the coming year and our treasury enriched by the funds so secured.

8. **Standard of Excellence.** We have reviewed the report of the Standard of Excellence and find it quite encouraging. That eleven of the societies have at least ten or twelve points convinces us that perfection can be attained by many more by earnest effort. We recommend that we all make an especial effort to acquaint ourselves with the chart for another year and resolve to reach the honor point, and we will do it.

9. Young Women's. The report of the Young Women's department is encouraging, because it shows an increase of societies, a revival of interest, and altogether we feel that our young women are preparing to take their places in the active progress of our church. The girls of today will be the women of tomorrow, so let us help them onward. The amount of their offering, \$452.34, shows a growing interest expressed in dollars which, after all, is an "acceptable service."

10. Magazine. The report of our Magazine Secretary shows that our societies are beginning to know the value of our magazine. May the success of our campaign for subscribers give us such ambition that we will not surrender until we have every member a subscriber.

11. Home Department. With an enrollment of 122 Home Department members, we find an increase this year of 36. May this work continue to grow.

12. Box Work. We would join with the Box Work Secretary in urging that all societies send a report of their work as soon as made to the secretary. In this way a much more accurate record can be kept and proper credit given both to the donors and the yearly report.

13. Student. We are thankful for the growth of our student work. It is a regret that so many of our young people are receiving their training outside of our denominational school, but we are looking to the 63 young people and our Lutheran institutions for future leadership in educated efficiency, and also for their influence in bringing other young people into our own church schools.

No report was received from the Deaconess Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. J. WEERTZ.

MRS. HOLMES DYSINGER.

EXHIBIT 27

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the splendid report of our President in her untiring efforts.

We heartily endorse Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, but as a committee we are not in favor of No. 3.

We also endorse Recommendations Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

We especially commend the splendid report of "Our General Work," and the increase of our magazine subscriptions—also the organization of several new societies.

We express our gratitude to God for the wonderful increase in our financial report.

We heartily endorse the splendid report of our Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Holmes Dysinger.

Your committee commends the faithfulness of our officers the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. S. JOHNSON.

MRS. ANNA H. MUELLER.

MRS. H. C. HECKT.

EXHIBIT 28

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Our merciful Father has granted us the privilege of assembling for the Forty-second Annual Convention. Unto Him be all honor, glory and praise for the success of the closing year.

Be It Resolved:

1. That we hereby express our hearty thanks to the Pastor, Rev. A. A. Marehn, and his dear wife, and the good people of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ponca for the reception, hospitality and royal entertainment they have given us.

2. To our beloved and efficient President and Secretary, all the officers and co-workers, for their splendid work during the past year, and also for the service rendered during the convention.

3. To the Rev. Harry E. Dickey, our Missionary to India, and Mrs. Frank Hellman of Sioux City, for their inspirational addresses.

4. To the Hon. William Jennings Bryan for his edifying talk, also that we appreciate the presence of Rev. Walter of Tabitha Home and Dr. Gotwald of the Board of Education for the words of encouragement they gave us.

5. To the choir for the beautiful music.

6. To the Brotherhood of the Nebraska Synod for the royal way in which they entertained us at the banquet.

7. We endorse the action of the Executive Board for the seven Union Colleges of the Orient for asking one dollar from each member before January 1, 1923.

8. To the weekly press for the publicity given us.

Be It Resolved:

That inasmuch as Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called our faithful Treasurer's mother, Mrs. Haase, to her eternal home, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and beseech our Heavenly Father to comfort her loved ones.

Be It Further Resolved:

That we express thanks to our Father and our God for the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us during the past year, and pray for His divine guidance and blessing on our work for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD E. OLSEN.

MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

EXHIBIT 29

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given of the following Amendment to the Constitution of the Women's Missionary Society, to be acted on at the meeting of the convention in 1923:

"That the Convention of the Women's Missionary Society, of the State of Nebraska, be held at different time and place, than that of Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECKT.

EXHIBIT 30

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK AND LITERATURE

We, the committee for examining the reports of our Box Work and Literature Secretaries, submit the following report:

We find a correct record of amounts have been kept by our secretaries, and we commend them for the good work they have accomplished this year. We also commend each of our local societies for their liberal donations to our Tabitha Home. Box work money taken at convention amounts to \$66.00, which is to be divided equally between Midland College and Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS SUDA WOOD.

MRS. JOHN LINDAHL.

MRS. H. F. BOWERS.

EXHIBIT 31**REPORT OF POOLING COMMITTEE**

Your committee has received the reports of railroad fare of our delegates, and find 18 women entitled to rebates amounting to \$71.96.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. OTTMAN.

MRS. NEISWANGER.

